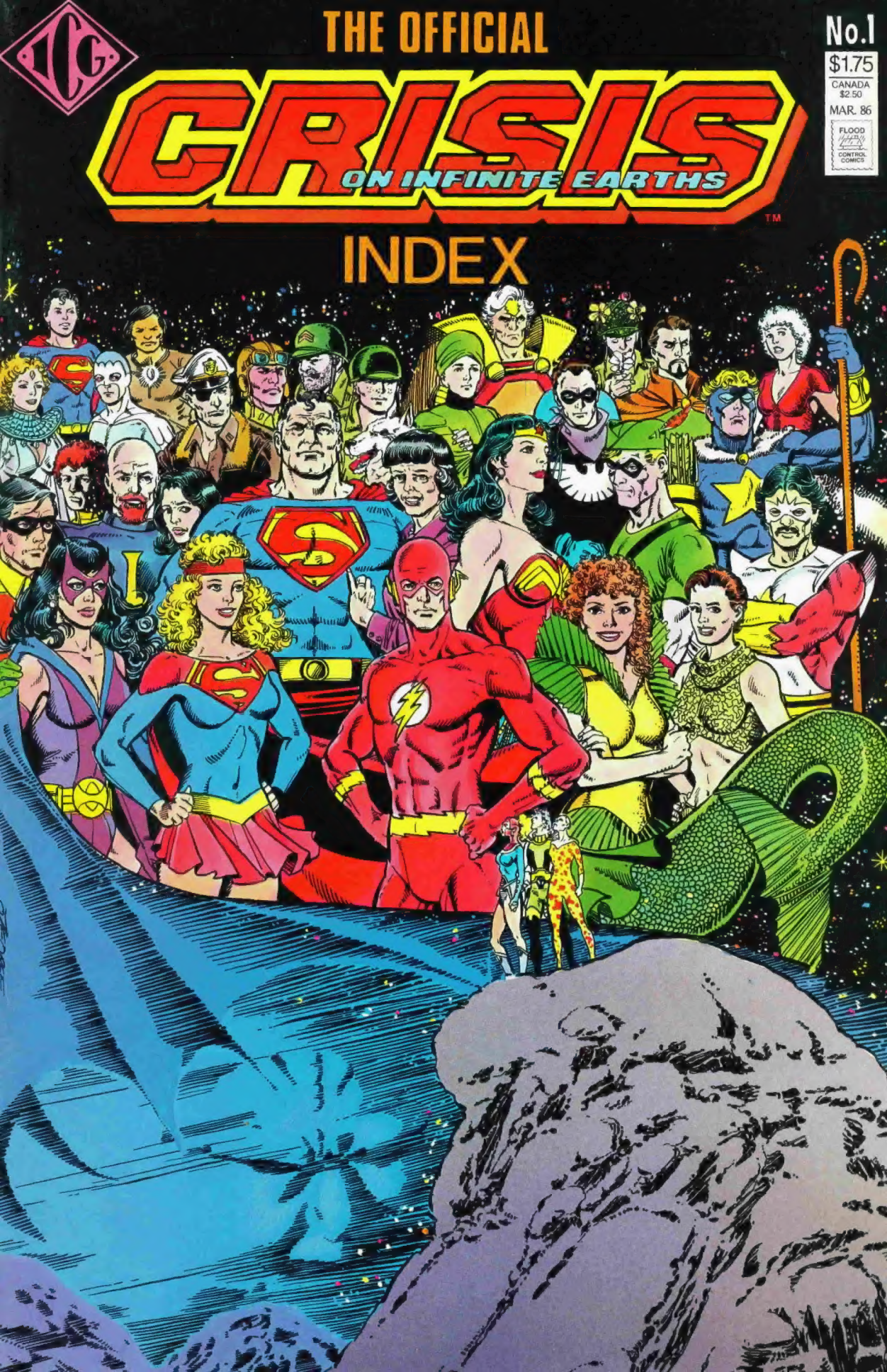
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## Prologue

The story told in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* had its beginnings long before the first issue of the comic itself, even before the first appearance of its most important character, the Monitor. Its roots reach back to the September 1961 issue of *The Flash*, #123, and to the classic story "Flash of Two Worlds."

In this tale, by Gardner Fox, Carmine Infantino, and Joe Giella, the Flash, alias Barry Allen, crossed over from his own familiar Earth into a parallel world, by vibrating in a unique way while he did a rope-trick. No longer in Central City, Flash found himself in Keystone City—the home of Jay Garrick, the Flash of the 1940s, whose adventures he had read in comic books. The modern Flash encountered his predecessor in the flesh, and theorized that "Both Earths were created at the same time in two quite similar universes! They vibrate differently—which keeps them apart!" Ultimately, the two Flashes shared an adventure against revived 1940s foes, before the Barry Allen/Flash vibrated back into his homeworld. This was only the first of many double-Flash teamings, which generally occurred once per year.

This signalled the true beginning of the DC Multiverse. Other DC heroes of previous years had visited parallel worlds, even encountering duplicates of themselves, but these were usually one-time encounters. The unique natures of the two Flashes, each of whom had a separate career delineated in DC comics, made for a unique teaming that pleased readers and creators alike. In *The Flash* #129, we were treated to cameo glimpses of the long-lost Justice Society of America, the 1940s team of heroes to which the original Flash had belonged. By issue #137, the other JSA members made an actual appearance in a modern story. New readers were learning that there had been an Atom, a Hawkman, a Wonder Woman, and a Green Lantern before their modern counterparts.

Finally, in issue #21 (August 1963) of *Justice League of America*, the Justice Society crossed over en mass into the world of their counterparts, the Justice League, and battled against villains from both their Earths. It was in this story that the twin Earths received handy designations: Earth-1, where the Justice League resided, and Earth-2, the home of the Justice Society. The JLA-JSA team-up immediately became an annual affair, a tradition upheld for 22 years, ending with the publication of *Crisis*. In fact, the JLA-JSA teamings, with such story titles as "Crisis on Earth-One," "Crisis on Earth-Two," etc., gave *Crisis on Infinite Earths* its name.

In the second JLA-JSA team-up, the heroes learned of Earth-3, a world of topsy-turvy history, where Abraham Lincoln had shot President John Wilkes Booth, where Christopher Columbus, an American, had discovered Europe, and where Great Britain had won independence from the United States in 1776. Earth-3's superbeings were criminal duplicates of five Justice League members, calling themselves the Crime Syndicate of America. The Crime Syndicate and Earth-3 were seen infrequently thereafter in various DC comics.

In 1973, DC's multiverse grew to encompass another Earth—the world of Captain Marvel and the Marvel Family, formerly published by Fawcett Comics. The first inter-Earth crossover came in *Shazam!* #15, (November-December 1974), when Lex Luthor of Earth-1 magically transported himself to that world. This Earth was finally designated Earth-S (for Shazam) when its heroes teamed with the Justice League and Justice Society in 1976 (*Justice League* #135).

Some months after *Shazam!* #1, another JLA-JSA teaming occurred on a fifth Earth: Earth-X (*Justice League* #107, September-October 1973). This Earth was ruled by the Nazis, who had won World War II. The Third Reich of 1973 was opposed by the Freedom Fighters, a team made up of heroes last seen in 1940s Quality Comics: Uncle Sam, the Ray, the Black Condor, Doll Man, the Human Bomb, and the Phantom Lady. (Actually, as was later revealed in various issues of *All-Star Squadron*, these six heroes started their careers on Earth-2. They, along with many other heroes who may have perished in the long conflict, crossed over to fight on Earth-X during 1942. The heroes of Quality Comics, apparently living on a variant of Earth-X, saw the Allies win World War II, and many of those heroes went on to lengthy postwar careers battling crooks and Communists.)

To muddy the waters further, DC kept introducing further Earths: Earth-Prime, where superheroes exist only as characters in comic books; Earth-C, home to Captain Carrot and the Zoo Crew, a "funny animal" super-team; Earth-C-Minus, where the Justa Lotta Animals, an animal JLA, live; and the Earths inhabited by various characters such as Tarzan, the Camelot 3000 characters, Ronin, and so on. Furthermore, even on Earth-1, DC posited variant futures: Kamandi's Earth After Disaster and the Legion's 30th Century both stemmed from a single divergent point in Earth-1's near-future history.

DC's purpose in creating *Crisis on Infinite Earths* was to simplify matters by wiping most of the parallel Earths, and their respective universes, out of existence, and uniting the few that remained. In twelve issues, writer Marv Wolfman and artist George Perez drew the vast majority of DC's characters—literally hundreds of heroes and villains—into a Crisis to end all Crises, with thousands of universes having already perished and the fates of the final five Earths at stake. The Crisis on Infinite Earths directly affects every DC title, and crossovers with other books are many. The Monitor and Lyla, two of the major characters in *Crisis*, first appeared in DC comics three years before the first issue's publication. Other important players—the Anti-Monitor, Pariah, Lady Quark, and Alexander Luthor, Jr.—were introduced in the series itself. Another two Earths of major consideration were also introduced: Earth-6, the world of Lady Quark, which was destroyed, leaving her its sole survivor, and Earth-4, home to Blue Beetle, Captain Atom, Thunderbolt, and the other heroes depicted by Charlton Comics in the 1960s. Also worth noting is that the superstructure of *Crisis*, as revealed in issue #7, was based on a story in *Green Lantern* (second series) #40, October 1965, "Secret Origin of the Guardians" (John Broome, writer, Gil Kane and Sid Green, artists).

In its twelve-issue span, *Crisis on Infinite Earths* registers myriad and mighty events. Major DC superheroes die. The origin of the Multiverse is explained. And an epic is created that will affect DC Comics, and be discussed by comics historians, for all four-color time.

## A Glossary of the Multiverse

The first "Earth" in DC's cosmology actually began at least as far back as 1935. The first adventure of Dr. Occult was printed in *New*

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*Fun Comics* #6, October 1935. Roy Thomas has retroactively declared this Jerry Siegel-Joe Shuster character to be a contemporary of the Justice Society of America; thus Earth-2, as it was later named, extends back at least to his debut. (And it is quite appropriate that Siegel and Shuster, who created DC's greatest hero, Superman, should be the "creators" of its first Earth.)

Properly, though, the first "double-Earth" story is *The Flash* #123, in 1961. Prior to that, DC's "official" explanation of the "old" Flash (whose last adventures were published only five years before the first ones of his modern counterpart) was that Jay Garrick was only a comic book character whom Barry Allen, himself a comic book character, used to read about! If not for "Flash of Two Worlds," the DC Multiverse might never have come to be, but, thanks to that story and many to follow, readers were acquainted with the concept that there might be more than one Earth in existence, and, conceivably, the comic book characters they read about might have their own "reality"...somewhere!

What follows is an attempt to catalogue the major DC Earths, particularly the ones that appear in *Crisis On Infinite Earths*.

1. **Earth-1.** The Earth on which most of the "modern" DC characters live or have lived. Characterized by the Justice League of America, the Teen Titans, the Legion of Super-Heroes, the Guardians of the Universe, the Green Lantern Corps, etc. Its first appearance in comics is debatable. First revealed as a distinct Earth in *The Flash* #123, September 1961. "Flash of Two Worlds" (Gardner Fox, writer, Carmine Infantino and Joe Giella, artists). First named in *Justice League of America* #21, August 1963, "Crisis on Earth-One" (Gardner Fox, writer, Mike Sekowsky and Bernard Sachs, artists). Merged with Earths 2, 4, S, and X in *Crisis*.

2. **Earth-2.** The Earth on which most DC heroes of the 1940s live or have lived. Characterized by the Justice Society of America, Infinity, Inc., the All-Star Squadron, and the Seven Soldiers of Victory. First appeared as far back as *New Fun Comics* #6, October 1935 (Dr. Occult by Siegel and Shuster). First revealed as a distinct Earth in *The Flash* #123, September 1961, "Flash of Two Worlds" (Gardner Fox, writer, Carmine Infantino and Joe Giella, artists). First named in *Justice League of America* #21, August 1963, "Crisis on Earth-One") Gardner Fox, writer, Mike Sekowsky and Bernard Sachs, writers). Merged with Earths 1, 4, S, and X in *Crisis*.

3. **Earth-3.** An Earth on which many historical events occurring on most Earths have been duplicated in distorted fashion; e.g. the British declaring independence from America in 1776. Characterized by the Crime Syndicate of America and Alexander Luthor, Sr. First appeared and named in *Justice League of America* #29, August 1964, "Crisis on Earth-Three" (Gardner Fox, writer, Mike Sekowsky and Bernard Sachs, artists). Destroyed in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #1.

4. **Earth-4.** The Earth on which the heroes formerly published by Charlton Comics in the 1960s live. Characterized by Captain Atom, Blue Beetle, Nightshade, Question, Peacemaker, Thunderbolt, Judomaster, Fightin' Five, Son of Vulcan, etc. Its first appearance in comics is debatable. First revealed as a distinct Earth and named in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #1, April 1985, "The Summoning" (Marv Wolfman, writer, George Perez and Dick Giordano, artists). Merged with Earths 1, 2, S, and X in *Crisis*.

5. **Earth-6.** The Earth on which Lord Volt, Lady Quark, and Princess Fern lived. First appearance and named in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #4, July 1985, "And Thus Shall the World Die" (Marv Wolfman, writer, George Perez and Mike DeCarlo, artists). Destroyed in *Crisis* #4.

6. **Earth-S.** The Earth on which the heroes published in the 1940s and early 1950s by Fawcett Comics live. Characterized by Captain Marvel and the Marvel Family, Spy Smasher, Ibis the Invincible, Minute Man, Mr. Scarlet, etc. (Also, Kid Eternity, whose adventures were published by Quality Comics, is a resident of this Earth.) First appeared in *Whiz Comics* #2, June 1940. Incorporated into the DC Multiverse with *Shazam!* #1, February 1973, "In the Beginning" (Denny O'Neil, writer, C. C. Beck, artist). Named in *Justice League of America* #135, October 1976, "Crisis in Eternity" (E. Nelson Bridwell and Martin Pasko, writers, Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin, artists). Merged with Earths 1, 2, 4, and X in *Crisis*.

7. **Earth-X.** The Earth on which the Nazis won World War II, until defeated in 1973 by heroes from two other Earths. Characterized by the Freedom Fighters (Uncle Sam, Phantom Lady, Human Bomb, Black Condor, Ray, Doll Man, and Firebrand), all of whom originally came from Earth-2. (NOTE: There is an alternate version of Earth-X in which alternate versions of these heroes and many others fought and helped win World War II in 1945, as depicted in Quality Comics in the 1940s and 1950s.) First revealed as a distinct

Earth and named in *Justice League of America* #107, September-October 1973, "Crisis on Earth-X" (Len Wein, writer, Dick Dillin, and Dick Giordano, artists). Merged with Earths 1, 2, 4, and S in *Crisis*.

8. **Earth-Prime.** The Earth on which, prior to 1978, superheroes were only fictional characters in comic books, but on which DC Comics staff members such as Cary Bates, Elliot Maggin, and Julius Schwartz had counterparts who sometimes had the power to control the lives of Earth-1 and Earth-2 super-heroes. It is differentiated from our own Earth by the eventual appearance of the superhero Ultraa, introduced in *Justice League of America* #153, who migrated to Earth-1, and of a counterpart of Superboy, who appeared in *DC Comics Presents* #87. First appeared in *The Flash* #179, May 1968, "The Flash—Fact or Fiction?" (Cary Bates, writer, Ross Andru and Mike Esposito, artists). Named in *Justice League of America* #123, October 1975, "Where on Earth am I!" (Cary Bates and Elliot S. Maggin, writers, Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin, artists). Destroyed in *Crisis*.

9. Other Earths (not directly depicted in *Crisis*):

a. **Earth-A.** An alternate version of Earth-1 created when the criminal Johnny Thunder of Earth-1 meddled with the past. Characterized by the Lawless League of America. First appeared in *Justice League of America* #37, August 1965, "Earth—Without the Justice League" (Gardner Fox, writer, Mike Sekowsky and Bernard Sachs, artists). No longer in existence.

b. **Earth-B.** An Earth where many DC stories which could not have happened in regular DC continuity take place. (For instance, *Brave and the Bold* #131, which shows Catwoman committing murder, probably happened on Earth-B.) Its continued existence is debatable.

c. **Earth-C.** A world of anthropomorphic animals. Characterized by Captain Carrot and the Zoo Crew. First appeared in the second story in *New Teen Titans* #16, February 1982, "This Bunny Unbound" (Roy Thomas, writer, Scott Shaw, Ross Andru, and Bob Smith, artists). Actually an alternate dimension, rather than a parallel Earth, and thus still in existence.

d. **Earth-C-Minus.** Another world of anthropomorphic animals, where heroes who only appear in comic books on Earth-C actually exist. Characterized by the Justa Lotta Animals. First appeared in

*Captain Carrot and His Amazing Zoo Crew* #14, April 1983, "Crisis on Earth-C" (Scott Shaw and E. Nelson Bridwell, writers, Scott Shaw, Al Gordon, and Carol Lay, artists). Actually an alternate dimension, rather than a parallel Earth, and thus still in existence.

e. **Earth-12.** An Earth where the children of the 1940s superheroes known as the Freedom Brigade have banded together as the Inferior Five. Characterized by Merryman, the Blimp, Awkwardman, White Feather, and Dumb Bunny. First appeared in *Showcase* #62, May-June 1966, "The Coming of the Costumed Incompetents" (E. Nelson Bridwell, writer, Joe Orlando and Mike Esposito, artists). Named in *Oz-Wonderland War* #3. Its continued existence is debatable.

f. **Alternate Earth-2.** An Earth-2 in which Clark (Superman) Kent worked for the *Daily Planet* under editor Perry White in the 1940s and 1950s. (On Earth-2, Clark Kent worked for the *Daily Star* and his editor was George Taylor, until Taylor's death. Perry White was merely a reporter.) This has never appeared as a distinct Earth, but was posited to exist by E. Nelson Bridwell in the letters page of *Superman Family* as a rationale for the inconsistencies in 1940s Superman stories.

g. **Crossover Earth.** This is the Earth in which superheroes published by DC coexist with super-heroes published by Marvel. Characterized by the team-ups between Superman and Spider-Man, the Batman and the Hulk, and the X-Men and the Teen Titans. First appeared in *Superman vs. The Amazing Spider-Man*, 1976, "The Battle of the Century" (Gerry Conway, writer, Ross Andru and Dick Giordano, artists).

There are many other parallel Earths which have appeared in DC Comics, usually in only one story apiece. Some of these are actually misnamed alternate dimensions, such as Earth-C and Earth-C-Minus above, and as such were unaffected by the Crisis. These undisturbed dimensional worlds probably include Phantom Girl's homeworld of Bgtzl and the realms of Mr. Mxyzptlk, his counterpart Mxyzpltk, and Bat-Mite. These will all be dealt with when the stories containing them are covered in forthcoming series of this index.

## Editor's Note

*The Official Crisis on Infinite Earths Index* differs from previous and future volumes in the DC Index series in several ways.

Due to the nature of the series being indexed, this is the first index to appear complete in one volume. It is also the first volume written by outside contributors, in this case Mark Waid and Lou Mougin, and edited by myself and Laura Webb, rather than being both written and edited by myself. The necessity of producing this index as soon as possible after the publication of the *Crisis* maxi-series precluded my producing it in the usual fashion, but the results have been, in my opinion, more than satisfactory. Kudos to Mark and Lou for a terrific and backbreaking piece of work, and to Laura for her invaluable assistance!

For this index only, we have added a category to our entries, that of Cover Description. Normally, this is not necessary, as our cover reproductions are sufficiently clear to enable readers to identify the characters depicted. In the case of *Crisis*, however, with its huge cast, the identities of the characters are not always apparent, even when examining the comic itself.

It should be noted that some of the information on future appearances of characters contained herein was provided in advance by DC Comics, and is still subject to change. We have avoided use of the phrase "no further appearances to date" in this index for those characters who have made no appearances since *Crisis*, since in most cases it is too soon to tell whether a character will be appearing again. A character should not be presumed to have made his final appearance unless it is so noted in the index, or unless the character dies or is destroyed. (In the case of such artificial creatures as Chemo and Shaggy Man, of course, their destruction need not be permanent, as each has been destroyed and recreated more than once in the past.)

We have endeavored to use forms of characters' names, where known, which are officially recognized in *Who's Who: The Definitive Directory of the DC Universe*. For instance, although J'onn J'onzz is listed under his given name in the roster of most issues of *Justice League of America* in which he appears, he is listed here under his super-hero name, the Martian Manhunter. Exceptions to this rule occur in the cases of such characters as Deathstroke the Terminator and Zazzala the Queen Bee, who could otherwise be confused with different characters who have similar names. Characters who have counterparts on the various parallel Earths are differentiated by world of origin, rather than by order of appearance, e.g., Superman of Earth-2, rather than Superman 1, to avoid confusion.

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Explanations of some of the more confusing aspects of *Crisis* continuity and character identification are provided in the Comments section of each entry, as well as in the parenthetical data following each character's name. Characters in each story are listed alphabetically within groups where the same category (i.e. Guest Stars, Villains, etc.) and the same parenthetical data (i.e., where the character was last seen and/or appears next) applies to more than one character. Characters without parenthetical data following their names (i.e., those who appear in consecutive issues of *Crisis* with no interim appearances in other comics) are likewise grouped together alphabetically. Regrettably, space limitations make it impossible to include a page-by-page citation of characters within each story.

It should also be noted that we have endeavored wherever possible to keep the continuity of *Crisis on Infinite Earths* separate from those of *DC Challenge*, *Super Friends*, and both series of *Super Powers*, all of which are apparently outside mainline DC continuity.

At some points in the story, certain villains are allied with the heroes against the greater common threat of the Anti-Monitor. To simplify identification, however, characters who usually appear as villains in the DC Universe (e.g. Lex Luthor, Brainiac, Darkseid, Dr. Polaris, Psimon, Killer Frost, Psycho-Pirate) are listed under Villains despite their actions in a particular issue of *Crisis*. The categories of Guest Stars and Guest Appearances have likewise been reinterpreted slightly for this index. Normally, these designations would be determined solely based on the length of a character's appearance. Since an extremely short appearance in *Crisis* can nevertheless be an important one (as is the case with the death scenes of several characters), Guest Stars are here taken to include those characters who are or have been featured in their own comics or strips, regardless of their roles, while Guest Appearances include those characters who most often appear as supporting characters in other comics or strips. Note also that characters who appear for the first time in *Crisis on Infinite Earths*, but who are not among the title's Feature Characters, such as Dr. Light II and Lady Quark, are listed as Supporting Characters.

Finally, due to the ambitious and unique storyline of this series, for this index only we have included longer and more detailed story synopses than usual.

Murray R. Ward – Editor

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #1
**April 1985**

### Cover Description

**Monitor, Harbinger, Superwoman of Earth-3, Obsidian, Dr. Polaris, Geo-Force, Dawnstar, Blue Beetle, Superman of Earth-2, Owlman, Johnny Quick of Earth-3, Solovar, Ultraman, Killer Frost II, Green Lantern** (John Stewart), **Alexander Luthor, Psycho-Pirate II, Firebrand II, Psimon, Cyborg, Arion, Firestorm, Pariah, Power Ring,** and a chain of exploding Earths

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"The Summoning!" (32 Pages)

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### Feature Characters

**Harbinger** (last chronological appearance, as Lyla, in *DC Comics Presents* #78; last seen in Harbinger in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #58; see also Comment below)

**Alexander Luthor, Jr.** (son of Alexander Luthor of Earth-3; hereinafter referred to as Alex Luthor; first appearance; origin revealed)

**The Monitor** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #78)

**Pariah** (given name never revealed; first appearance; chronologically earlier appearance in flashback in issue #7)

### Guest Stars

**Arion** (last seen in *Arion* #35)

**The Blue Beetle II** (Ted Kord; not to be confused with Dan Garrett, the original Blue Beetle; first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Americomics Special* #1; hereinafter referred to as Blue Beetle)

**Cyborg** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 17)

**Firebrand II** (last chronological appearance in flashback in *All-Star Squadron* #51 which takes place in between her appearances in *All-Star Squadron* #50 and this story)

**Firestorm** (last seen in *The Fury of Firestorm* #41)

**Geo-Force** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #83)

**Green Lantern** (John Stewart; last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #194, page 10; appearance here same as *Green Lantern* (second series) #194, pages 11–13; appears next in issue #2, which appearance is the same as *Green Lantern* (second series) #194, page 14)

**Obsidian** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #18)

**Solovar** (name misspelled "Solivar" in this story; last seen in *The Flash* #342)

**Superman of Earth-2** (last seen in *America vs. The Justice Society* #4)

### Villains

**Dr. Polaris** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #304)

**Johnny Quick of Earth-3, Power Ring,** and **Superwoman of Earth-3** (all last seen in *Justice League of America* #232; all die in this story)

**Killer Frost II** (last seen in *The Fury of Firestorm* #36)

**Koris** (first and only appearance to date; a criminal ape of Gorilla City)

**Owlman** and **Ultraman** (both last seen in *Justice League of America* #209; both die in this story)

**Psimon** (last seen in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #58; last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in *DC Comics Presents* #78; see second Comment below)

**Psycho-Pirate II** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron Annual* #2; appears next in *The Fury of Firestorm* #41, then returns with Killer Frost II to page 24 of this story)

**Shadow demons** (first appearance; chronologically earlier appearance in flashback in issue #7; ephemeral wraiths dispatched by the Anti-Monitor, as revealed in issue #7)

**A gang of terrorists in Hub City on Earth-4** (first appearance to date; Jersey named in this story)

### Guest Appearances

**Cara** (a friend of Danette (Firebrand II) Reilly; appearance here same as *All-Star Squadron* #50, page 20)

**Detective Karp** (first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Charlton Portfolio* #1)

### Other Characters

**Alexander Luthor** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents Annual* #1; dies in this story)

**Lois Lane Luthor** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents Annual* #1; marriage to Alexander Luthor revealed in this story; dies in this story)

**An unnamed female hostage of the terrorists in Hub City** (first and only appearance to date)

**Three unnamed Gorilla City guards** (first and only appearance of all to date)

### Comments

Harbinger's alternate selves appear simultaneously in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, *All-Star Squadron* #50, *Green Lantern* (second series) #194, and *Infinity, Inc.* #18, between pages 13 through 25 of this story.

Because Psimon is brought to the Monitor's satellite by Harbinger in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #58 and informed that the Crisis on Infinite Earths will begin in three months, he must remain on the satellite during that time and is thus unseen behind the scenes in all subsequent appearances of the Monitor and Lyla prior to this issue.

### Synopsis

Sometime after Creation, the universe was split and divided into a multiverse. Each single universe was kept separate from its counterparts by vibrational barriers. History followed similar patterns in most, but each had its own unique trait that made it a universe different from all others.

Now, in July of 1985, anti-matter is devouring the universe of Earth-3, home of the Crime Syndicate of America. Earth-3 itself is being eaten away rapidly by a curtain of pure white anti-matter, while the humans still alive flee its advance.

Suspended in mid-air before the curtain of energy is Pariah, forced to observe the destruction of each universe in the path of the anti-matter, but helpless to interfere. Nor can he even fling himself into the deadly substance to die. When greater danger threatens a universe adjacent to the one he occupies, he is drawn to it. Thus, just before the death of Earth-3, Pariah vanishes to another plane of existence.

On Earth-3 itself, the Crime Syndicate members (Ultraman, Superwoman, Power Ring, Johnny Quick, and Owlman) try in vain to halt the onrushing tide of anti-matter and die, one by one. The planet's only superhero, Alexander Luthor, returns to the side of his wife, Lois Lane Luthor. They have an infant son, Alexander Jr. Luthor Sr. confesses to his wife that their world is doomed, and that the only hope for their son is to send him, in a dimension-spanning capsule, to another universe. The scientist places his son in the device and sends him to the universe of Earth-1, materializing him in the deserted satellite headquarters of the Justice League of America. The heroes of that Earth, he thinks, will care for his son.

With that, Luthor Sr. and Lois die in each other's arms . . . along with the rest of their world and universe.

Alex Luthor's capsule does indeed appear in the Justice League satellite, but, unknown to Luthor Sr., the headquarters had been abandoned months ago when the old Justice League disbanded. The child is alone.

The scene shifts to another satellite—the one inhabited by the mysterious Monitor and his assistant, Lyla. He has observed the death of Earth-3, and now instructs Lyla to "energize," in order to bring certain super-heroes and super-villains from various Earths to his orbiting HQ. Lyla descends into the core of the satellite, where energy in a special chamber wraps around her and changes her into Harbinger, a multiple, super-powered being. Thus, she can visit many Earths at many points of the time continuum to summon the beings instrumental in the Monitor's plan to save the Multiverse.

On Earth-1, in Gorilla City, King Solovar is busy sentencing a murderer to "conversion." Afterward, having retired to his chambers, he is confronted by Harbinger, who takes him in hand, against his will, and vanishes with him back to the satellite.

In the thirtieth century of Earth-1, Dawnstar of the Legion of Super-Heroes has tracked a mental summons, and an eerie light, to the depths of Suicide Slum in Metropolis. Harbinger's hand reaches through a wall, and causes them both to vanish.

On Earth-2, on April 1, 1942, at a Manhattan USO bond rally, Danette Reilly is secretly using her flame-power to light a stubborn stove when Harbinger appears to her, transforms her civilian clothes into her Firebrand costume, and summons her to the Monitor. A shadowy figure, unseen by anyone, observes them leaving.

On Earth-4, the Blue Beetle is rescuing a hostage from terrorists when Harbinger appears, gains his willing aid, and takes him to her headquarters.

Forty-five thousand years ago, on Earth-1, Harbinger appears over the icy stretches surrounding Atlantis, looking for Arion. Before she can locate him, she is attacked and possessed by a shadowy demon.

On Earth-2, in July of 1985, the Harbinger-self who had recruited Firebrand appears in the padded cell of Roger Hayden, the modern Psycho-Pirate. Hayden is in a straitjacket due to the painful convulsions he suffers from manipulating and contacting other peoples' emotions. Harbinger relieves him by providing him with the mystic mask with which Dr. Fate once covered his face (which Hayden mistakenly calls the "Medusa Mask"). Then she teleports him, and the unseen Firebrand, to the Monitor's satellite.

Back in ancient Atlantis, Arion feels his once-abated power growing due to a recent flux of energy, and conjures up an ice bridge to enable him to cross between two mountain peaks. While he is in the middle of the bridge, the corrupted self of Harbinger alights near him and insists that he accompany her. Thinking her an enemy, he prepares to launch a bolt of sorcery. Harbinger responds by shattering the bridge with her powers and sending Arion plummetting to the ground many feet below. Just before he would have hit, the evil version of Harbinger dematerializes him and herself, to reappear in the Monitor's headquarters.

On present-day Earth-1, Firestorm, at the bidding of Harbinger (who has arrived with the Psycho-Pirate), releases his old enemy Killer Frost from an icy prison. Killer Frost instantly attacks her foe, but the Psycho-Pirate causes her to fall in love with Firestorm. This accomplished, the foursome vanish, as the Monitor watches on his viewscreen. He ruefully muses that his adversary will not allow them much time to act, and already five heroes have perished before he could enlist them. He also notes that Lyla, whom he found twenty years ago, a shipwreck sur-

vivor, and whom he loves as dearly as a daughter, now must become his killer. Then, she will hold the fate of the entire Multiverse in her hands.

In another chamber, the various beings whom Harbinger has summoned now gather: Blue Beetle, Dawnstar, Solovar, Geo-Force, Cyborg, Psycho-Pirate, Superman of Earth-2, Firebrand, Obsidian, John Stewart (the new Green Lantern of Earth-1), Arion, Dr. Polaris, Psimon, Firestorm, and Killer Frost. Their assembly is secretly watched by the shadow-demons, but Psimon senses the presence of these enemies just before they attack. The heroes give vigorous opposition, but the shadow-beings are resistant to their powers. Finally, a bright light fills the chamber, and the shadow demons are driven off. The Monitor then shuts down his light-weapon, and introduces himself to the assembly. He has summoned them, he says, because their universes are about to die.

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #2
**May 1985**

### Cover Description

**Superman of Earth-2, Dawnstar, Firebrand II, Kamandi, Solovar, Green Lantern** (John Stewart), **Obsidian,** and **Firestorm vs a shadow demon**

### Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

### STORY

**"Time and Time Again!"** (25 Pages)

### Credits

Editor, co-plotter, scripter: **Marv Wolfman**
Consulting editor: **Len Wein**
Associate editor, co-plotter: **Robert Greenberger**
Penciler: **George Perez**
Inkers: **Dick Giordano** and **George Perez** (page 18, panel 8, and page 21, panel 5 only)
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

### Feature Characters

**Harbinger, Alex Luthor, Monitor,** and **Pariah**

### Guest Stars

**Anthro** (last seen in *Showcase* #100; appears next in issue #5)

**Arion, Blue Beetle, Cyborg, Dawnstar, Firebrand II, Firestorm, Geo-Force, Obsidian,** and **Superman of Earth-2**

**Batman** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #558)

**Brainiac 5** and **Wildfire** (both last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12)

**Chameleon Boy** (last seen in the first story in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #11; appears next in issue #5)

**Colossal Boy** (last seen in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #325; appears next in issue #5)

**Flash** (last chronological appearance in issue #12; Flash is hurtling randomly through time just before his death)

**Green Lantern** (John Stewart; appearance here same as *Green Lantern* (second series) #194, page 14; appears next in issue #3, which appearance is the same as *Green Lantern* (second series) #195)

**Guardians of the Universe** (appearance here same as *Green Lantern* (second series) #194, page 15; appear next, imprisoned, in *Green Lantern* (second series) #195, page 19, to be freed in issue #5, page 13)

**Kamandi** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #64)

**Lightning Lass** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #11)

**Phantom Girl** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12; appears next in issue #5)

**Solovar** (name misspelled "Solivar" in this story)

**Superman** (last chronological appearance in *Superman* #411)

### Villains

**The Anti-Monitor** (first appearance; appears as a silhouette and voice only; identity revealed in issue #5; called "the Other" in this story, "the Monitor" in issue #5, named "the Anti-Monitor" on the cover of issue #6, and finally called "the Anti-Monitor" in issue #7; chronologically earlier appearance in flashback in issue #7)

**Dr. Polaris, Killer Frost II, Psimon,** and **Psycho-Pirate II**

**Joker** (last seen in *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #30; appears next in issue #9)

**Shadow demons**

### Guest Appearances

**Shvaughn Erin** and **other Science Police officers** (in between *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12 and 16; Freddy and Sid named in this story)

**Embra, Lart, Ne-Ahn,** and **other members of the Bear Tribe** (all except Ne-Ahn last seen in *Anthro* #6; Ne-Ahn last seen in *Showcase* #100; all appear next in issue #5)

**Lady Chian, Mara, Wing,** and **citizens of Atlantis of Arion's era** (all except Wing last seen in *Arion* #35; Wing last seen in *Arion* #34)

### Other Character

**Harold J. Standish III** (first appearance; a millionaire descendant of Miles Standish; as a corpse only; murdered by the Joker)

### Cameo Appearances

**Power Ring** and **Raven** (as images on the Monitor's viewscreens)

### Synopsis

Thousands of years ago on Earth-1, in cavemen times,. Anthro leaps atop the neck of a great woolly mammoth, the leader of a rampaging herd, charging toward the village of the Bear People, and Anthro's family, including his father Ne-Ahn, his pregnant wife Embra, and his little brother Lart. Anthro turns the herd away in time by jabbing his spear into the mammoth's neck, but he is knocked off the beast by a tree branch. When he gets to his feet, he finds that the herd has vanished, and on the horizon is a strange, futuristic city.

In the thirtieth century, just as Phantom Girl, Lightning Lass, Chameleon Boy, and Colossal Boy begin to deal with the problem of controlling a herd of wild woolly mammoths, the beasts inexplicably vanish. The befuddled Legionnaires report these proceedings to Brainiac 5, who in turn reports that his computers have detected a mass of anti-matter moving toward Earth, enough to destroy the entire universe.

In July of 1985, the Joker stands over the corpse of millionaire Harold J. Standish III, whom he has murdered to gain ownership of the copyrights to many silent films which the tycoon owned. The Batman smashes through a window to confront his nemesis. He had successfully deduced who the Joker's target was to be, although too late to save him. Batman knocks the Clown Prince of Crime down, but the Joker spatters Batman with a spray of thick super-glue from a flower-pump on his lapel, and then stands over the gummed-up Masked Manhunter with a .45. Suddenly, both are distracted by an apparition, as the Flash, materializing before their eyes, ravaged by fiery energy, begs for help. The Joker, shaken, fires at the ghostly Flash. Batman, having had time to melt off the glue with solvent from his utility belt, stands before the Joker, but his attention is drawn to the Flash, who seems to be literally dissolving before his eyes. The Flash-image babbles about his wife, Iris, and then, while Batman watches, Flash's body dissolves to bone within his costume, and then both skeleton and costume vanish. Oblivious to the Joker, who has made his getaway,

Batman wonders what can be happening.

In his satellite, the Monitor is addressing the super-beings assembled by Harbinger. He explains that over one thousand universes have already perished, and that now their homeworlds stand threatened by the tide of anti-matter. Firestorm angrily protests that they have heard of him before, when he was selling weaponry to super-villains over the past couple of years. Wearily, the Monitor promises to explain everything to them. Psimon, still angry that the Monitor wouldn't sell him weapons before, attacks with a mental bolt, but the Monitor easily shields himself and explains that Psimon's scheme would have endangered some of the very beings he required. Lyla confers with him in whispers, and wonders why she now feels hate for her mentor. Meanwhile, Superman of Earth-2 convinces his fellows to hear the Monitor out.

The Monitor explains that he is linked with all positive matter and thus derives his power. As each positive matter universe perishes, it saps some of his strength. If the super-beings before him fall, he cannot prevent his adversary from destroying all that exists. The others are divided in their response. He remonstrates that they have all been picked because of certain powers and abilities he needed from each of them, and afterwards others may be summoned as required. At stake now, he says, is more than Good or Evil; all life will depend upon their response and actions. So saying, the Monitor almost collapses in weariness. Dr. Polaris is in favor of rushing him, but Arion insists that he be heard out, if Atlantis is truly endangered.

The Psycho-Pirate confesses his faith in the Monitor, and Harbinger, reappearing, demands that they all pledge to aid her mentor. He has, she says, placed five devices in crucial eras to stem the flow of anti-matter. Each era is populated by heroes like themselves, creating a focal point, and these devices must be protected to save them from being destroyed by their enemy. Arion senses corruption within Harbinger, but says nothing. When she asks for their answer, Superman of Earth-2 answers for them all; they will help, and they will soon know if they have told the truth.

With that, Harbinger divides the heroes into five groups, and teleports them to their respective destinations. Then, while the Monitor rests, she contacts his adversary, referred to only as "the Other."

On the planet Oa, the Guardians of the Universe have detected the onrush of anti-matter and, standing before the great Primal Power Battery, prepare to alert the entire Green Lantern Corps; but before they can, an eerie voice calls from the depths of the Battery, and a green bolt of force blasts out at them, knocking all unconscious.

On Earth-1, Superman meets Batman on the roof of the Daily Planet. After Batman tells him of the strange image of the Flash, the two startled heroes are confronted by Pariah. The newcomer explains that their legends had reached his world before his exile, and now he needs their help. He reveals that the Earth-1 universe is dying, as other Earths before it have died, but before he can say more, he is drawn away, and vanishes before their eyes.

At the time of the Great Disaster, one of the Monitor's devices—actually a super-complex "tuning fork," many stories high—has materialized in New York within sight of the Statue of Liberty. Kamandi is scaling its height to investigate. Suddenly, the youth notices a shadow demon emerge from the machine, which severs his line and sends him plummetting. His fall is halted by Superman of Earth-2, who is accompanied by Dawnstar and Solovar. The foursome is assaulted by the shadow demons, whose touch burns human flesh. The heroes succeed in repulsing the demons for the moment, but they agree that the shadow-shapes are only the prelude to a greater menace. Harbinger, watching from nearby, says that their efforts are in vain.

Back in 1985, in the Monitor's satellite, another Harbinger-self approaches the bubble containing Alex Luthor, whom she has brought from the Justice League satellite, to take him to the Monitor. She halts, astonished, when she sees him, for Alex, in the time of less than one day, has grown to the size of a six-year-old!

In Atlantis of Earth-1, 43,000 B.C., Arion, Psycho-Pirate, and Obsidian stand on a hillside overlooking the Monitor's giant machine, which has materialized inside the city gates. Arion warns Psycho-Pirate against manipulating the emotions of any of his subjects, and the Pirate agrees...for now. Arion and Obsidian are greeted by Lady Chian and other Atlanteans, but soon discover that Psycho-Pirate is no longer with them. The Master of Moods is sitting alone outside the city, when he suddenly senses terror, and turns to behold Pariah.

The Pirate bedevils Pariah with a fit of laughing, and Pariah begs him to stop. The Pirate is smashed off his feet by a bolt from Arion. The villain snarls that he has become stronger absorbing Pariah's emotions, and proceeds to terrorize the Atlanteans. Abruptly, the Pirate is caught in a tube of yellow light from above, and vanishes.

The Psycho-Pirate materializes in a chamber of utter darkness. An icy voice tells him his services are needed. The Pirate refuses, daring his host to face him. The mysterious speaker transforms the Pirate's face into a featureless mask, trapping his emotion-power within him. If the Psycho-Pirate doesn't swear allegiance to his host, he will die. His features restored, so he swears.

Back at the satellite, the Monitor tells Harbinger that he regrets the loss of the Pirate. She answers that the loss wasn't that great, but he replies that the Pirate was more necessary than Arion or Obsidian, as the menace they face is "one of emotion." Since the Teen Titan, Raven, is not detectable on Earth-1 at that moment, he must seek another way, so he orders Harbinger to bring the file of

the new Dr. Light. It is time to create her.

Meanwhile, in Atlantis, Arion and Obsidian confer with Pariah, who reveals that he is from the first Earth to be destroyed by the anti-matter which now threatens all other universes, but that long before that, he was cursed for a misdeed that has caused him to witness the deaths of a thousand universes. His presence here is evidence that tragedy is soon to strike. Sure enough, they behold a wave of utter whiteness approaching from above, and Arion shouts that the Monitor must have lied to them.

In the satellite, the Monitor himself notes that the anti-matter destruction has begun anew, that he has not yet completed the creation of the new Dr. Light, and that soon, he will be killed.

In the utter darkness of the lair of the Monitor's adversary, another Harbinger-self reveals the plans of the Monitor to his enemy. The villain says that his opponent is doomed to failure, for his strength is stolen as his enemy's increases, and his champions are pitted against each other. He dispatches her to her next task, declaring that all the Monitor's universes shall soon be destroyed, and his own will rule supreme. Harbinger finds that she is torn by two impulses – the compulsion to obey the adversary, and her love for the Monitor.

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #3

**June 1985**

### Cover Description

**Monitor** observing five vignettes: **Dream Girl** and **Brainiac 5** watching **Sun Boy**, **Cosmic Boy**, **Wildfire**, **Lightning Lass** and **Kid Psycho** on viewscreens; **Psimon**, **Firebrand II**, **Green Lantern** (John Stewart), **Bat Lash**, **Johnny Thunder** (John Tane), **Jonah Hex**, **Nighthawk**, **Cyborg**, and **Scalphunter**; **Earth**; **Katana**, **Kole**, **Nightwing**, **Batman**, **Jericho**, **Flash**, **Changeling** (as a pigeon), **Starfire**, and **Halo**; **Geo-Force**, **Dr. Polaris**, **Little Sure Shot**, **Blue Beetle**, **Sgt. Rock**, **Capt. Storm**, **Jeb Stuart** and the **Haunted Tank** crew in Markovia

### Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed as "Guess Who?")
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

### STORY

"Oblivion Upon Us" (25 Pages)

### Credits

Editor, plotter, scripter: **Marv Wolfman**
Consulting editor: **Len Wein**
Associate editor, co-plotter: **Robert Greenberger**
Penciler: **George Perez**
Inkers: **Dick Giordano**, **Mike DeCarlo**, and **George Perez** (Alex Luthor on pages 1–2 only)
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

### Feature Characters

**Harbinger** (see second Comment below), **Alex Luthor**, **Monitor**, and **Pariah**

### Guest Stars

**Arion**, **Batman**, **Brainiac 5**, **Cyborg**, **Dawnstar**, **Firebrand II**, **Firestorm**, **Geo-Force**, **Kamandi**, **Obsidian**, **Superman**, and **Superman of Earth-2**

**Bat Lash** and **Scalphunter** (both last seen in *Justice League of America* #199)

**Black Lightning**, **Halo**, **Katana**, and **Metamorpho** (all last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #83; appearance here same as *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 18)

**Blue Beetle** (mistakenly referred to as possessing the mystic scarab of Dan Garrett, the original Blue Beetle, in this story; appears next in issue #6)

**Changeling** and **Kole** (both last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 3; appearance here same as *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 18)

**Johnny Cloud** (last seen in *Sgt. Rock Annual* #2; dies in this story; the story of his death in the altered history of the post-Crisis universe is told in *Losers Special* #1)

**Cosmic Boy**, **Element Lad**, and **Sun Boy** (all last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12; all appear next in issue #5)

**Dream Girl** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12)

**Flash** (last chronological appearance in *The Flash* #350; appears next in issue #5; see Comment below)

**Flower** (first appearance; a soldier in Easy Company; not to be confused with Kamandi's late female companion; dies in this story)

**Green Lantern** (John Stewart; appearance here same as *Green Lantern* (second series) #195, page 10)

**Gunner**, **Sarge**, and **Capt. Storm** (all last seen in *Unknown Soldier* #265; teamed with Johnny Cloud as the Losers; all die in this story; the story of their deaths in the altered history of the post-Crisis universe is told in *Losers Special* #1)

**Jonah Hex** (last seen in *Jonah Hex* #90)

**Jericho** and **Starfire** (both last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 4; appearance here same as *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 18)

**Johnny Thunder** (John Tane; last seen in flashback in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #28)

**Kid Psycho** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #300; dies in this story)

**Lightning Lass** and **Wildfire** (both appear next in issue #5)

**Mon-El** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #11; appears next in issue #5)

**Nighthawk** (Hannibal Hawks; first modern appearance; last seen in *Western Comics* #76; dies in this story)

**Nightwing** and **Wonder Girl** (both last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 11; appearance here same as *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 18)

**Sgt. Rock** and **Easy Company** (including **Wildman**, **Little Sure Shot**, **Jackie Johnson**, **Bulldozer**, **Four-Eyes**, and **Flower** (see his separate listing); last chronological appearance in flashback in *Batman and the Outsiders* #2)

**Solovar** (does not die in this story; appears next in issue #11)

**Jeb Stuart**, the **Haunted Tank Crew** (including **Rick Rawlins** and **Gus Gray**), and the **ghost of J. E. B. Stuart** (all last seen in *G.I. Combat* #275; J. E. B. Stuart appears next in *G.I. Combat* #276)

### Villains

**Anti-Monitor** (still unrevealed behind the scenes) and his **shadow demons**

**Brainiac** (last seen in *New Teen Titans Annual* (second series) #1; appears next in issue #6)

**Dr. Polaris**, **Killer Frost II**, and **Psycho-Pirate II**

**Psimon** (appears next in issue #9)

### Guest Appearances

**Lady Chian** and other citizens of **Atlantis** of Arion's era

### Other Characters

**Alice** and her unnamed husband (first and only appearance to date; an elderly couple)

**Mrs. Gofooey** (a barmatron of Coyote, Texas) and her unnamed daughter (first appearance of both; both die in this story)

A **Nazi battalion** (first and only appearance to date)

### Comments

Batman mistakenly equates the appearance of the Flash in this story with the speedster's appearance to him and the Joker in the previous issue. Actually, the Flash has remained in the future with his wife, Iris Allen, since the events of *The Flash* #350, and only now returns to the present, whereupon he is immediately teleported away

and imprisoned by the Anti-Monitor, as revealed in issue #5. All other appearances of the Flash, including the one in issue #2, are images cast as he travels backward through time just prior to his death in issue #8.

As revealed in the next issue, Harbinger is not physically present but is merely observing the Monitor on a viewscreen when she appears to threaten him in the final panels of this story.

### Synopsis

In his satellite, the Monitor is observing and testing Alex Luthor, who has grown to adolescence in mere days. Alex asks why he is being made a human guinea pig, and the Monitor replies that he is an anomaly, composed of both positive and negative matter, and must have been changed by his trip between Earth-3 and Earth-1. Somehow, he must be the key to the salvation of the Earths.

Harbinger attempts to attract the Monitor's attention, fails, and wonders if he suspects her changed nature. She leaves, and reappears in the lair of the unknown, unseen adversary. The Psycho-Pirate taunts her with knowledge of her fear, and says that their master will give him a world of people whose emotions he can manipulate. The adversary silences the Pirate and orders Harbinger to destroy Alex Luthor, and she leaves to do his bidding. The Pirate asks why the Master doesn't let him instill blind loyalty in her, but the shadowy figure replies that it isn't necessary. Before long, she will kill the Monitor.

In a future era of Earth-1, the Flash, speeding along a street in Central City, has been reunited with his wife Iris for an entire month. Now, in a driving rainstorm, he has been called out to repair damage caused by disasters beyond the power of this future Earth to stem. While attempting to halt volcanic eruptions in the middle of the city, he gapes at the sight of a wall of absolute whiteness coming toward him, devouring all matter in its path. The Scarlet Speedster vibrates until he fades from sight.

Back in July of 1985, the wave of anti-matter approaches Earth-1. In New York City, the New Teen Titans and the Outsiders, together with Superman and Batman, team up to stave off crowd panic and save lives where they can. At the height of the chaos, the Flash appears again, and is seen by all. The Scarlet Speedster has returned to the present by relaxing his internal vibrations, but he barely has time to warn the heroes of an impending catastrophe before he vanishes again, seemingly against his will. The heroes are aghast, and at a loss to understand the incident.

In outer space, Brainiac observes the wave of anti-matter approaching. He opts for self-preservation, but to save himself, he reasons, he must also save the universe, and to do that, he needs an ally. He chooses to enlist his old crony, Lex Luthor of Earth-1, and speeds toward that planet.

In late June of 1944 on Earth-1, the tiny European kingdom of Markovia is still occupied by the Nazis, but it is being liberated by American forces, led by Sgt. Rock and Easy Company, Lt. Jeb Stuart and the Haunted Tank, and the Losers. Two wild cards have been thrown into the battle: the Monitor's giant machine, which has materialized in the capital city of Markovia, befuddling Germans and Americans alike, and the appearance of the Blue Beetle, Geo-Force, and Dr. Polaris. The ghost of Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart appears to the lieutenant and warns him that today, "losers shall lose and never be seen again." Dr. Polaris and Geo-Force join the Allied forces in wiping up the Nazis, but Blue Beetle decides to protect the machine.

The Losers – Capt. Storm, Gunner, Sarge, and Johnny Cloud – approach the machine. Capt. Storm scales the device to try to discover its use, when a shadow emerges from its interior and grabs him. The other three Losers attack and are grabbed by more shadow demons. As the soldiers and super-brings watch, Capt. Storm, Gunner, Sarge, and Johnny Cloud are killed by the shadows.

Sgt. Rock and Easy Company attack the shadows with rifle-fire. Flower, one of Rock's soldiers, is killed by a shadow demon. Meanwhile, the Blue Beetle has landed near the machine from overhead and is wounded by a shadow, but the demon is destroyed by the mystic Egyptian scarab given to him by Dan Garrett, the original Blue Beetle. The Monitor returns the injured Blue Beetle to his own world and time period.

In the world of Earth After Disaster, Superman of Earth-2, Dawnstar, Solovar, and Kamandi notice the sky turning red and becoming streaked with electrical storms. Kamandi, who has become attached to Solovar, is grief-stricken to learn the great ape is dying from his wounds.

In 1879, in an abandoned mine in Coyote, Texas of Earth-1, Bat Lash, Scalphunter, Jonah Hex, Johnny Thunder, and Nighthawk face a mystery: the Monitor's machine. Suddenly, Psimon, Cyborg, Green Lantern (John Stewart), and Firebrand II appear out of thin air. As the time-lost heroes explain their mission to the Westerners, they are abruptly attacked by another contingent of shadow-beings. Outside, Nighthawk spurs his horse into the anti-matter wall that is destroying Coyote, but is killed for all his efforts.

In the thirtieth century, the Legionnaires are busy saving citizens caught in the anti-matter's destructive path. Kid Psycho, aiding evacuation efforts in Britain, is killed by anti-matter.

Meanwhile, the Monitor watches the devastation of the different time-periods on his screens, and regrets that his adversary has moved more quickly than he had expected. Still, his machines are in place, and his plan can begin.

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #4
**July 1985**

### Cover Description

Harbinger, Pariah, and Monitor's corpse

### Cover Credits

Artist: George Perez (Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

### STORY

"And Thus Shall the World Die!" (25 Pages)

### Credits

Editor, plotter, scripter: Marv Wolfman
Consulting editor: Len Wein
Associate editor, co-plotter: Robert Greenberger
Penciler: George Perez (layouts only)
Inker: Mike DeCarlo (finished art)
Letterer: John Costanza
Colorist: Anthony Tollin

### Feature Characters

Harbinger, Alex Luthor, and Pariah
Monitor (dies in this story)

### Guest Stars

Air Wave II (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #55; gets new costume as of this story; appears next in issue #5)

Arion, Bat Lash, Brainiac 5, Cyborg, Dawnstar, Dream Girl, Firebrand II, Firestorm, Geo-Force, Green Lantern (John Stewart), Johnny Thunder (John Tane), Jonah Hex, Kamandi, Sgt. Rock and Easy Company, Scalphunter, and Jeb Stuart and the Haunted Tank crew

Batgirl and Supergirl (both last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #86; appearance here same in part as *DC Comics Presents* #86)

Batman, Black Lightning, Changeling, Halo, Jericho, Katana, Kole, Metamorpho, Nightwing, Starfire, Superman, and Wonder Girl (all appear next in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 19)

Blue Devil (last seen in *Blue Devil Annual* #1)

Dolphin (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #78)

Green Lantern of Earth-2 and Starman of Earth-2 (both last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #12; appearance here same as *Infinity, Inc.* #20, pages 1–5; both appear next in *Infinity, Inc. Annual* #1)

Hawkman and Hawkwoman (both last seen in *Hawkman Special* #1)

Queen Hippolyta and the Amazons of Paradise Island (all last seen in *Wonder Woman* #328, page 20; appearance here same as *Wonder Woman* #328, page 23; all appear next in *Wonder Woman* #329)

Jade and Northwind (both last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #19; appearance here same as *Infinity, Inc.* #20, pages 1–5; both appear next in *Infinity, Inc. Annual* #1)

Lori Lemaris (last seen in *Superman* #408)

Obsidian (appears next in *Infinity, Inc. Annual* #1)

Red Tornado (last seen in *Red Tornado* #4)

Shining Knight and Winged Victory (his horse; last chronological appearance of both in *All-Star Comics* #65; see Comment below)

Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, and Ultra Boy (all last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #11)

Swamp Thing (in between *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #44 and 45)

Superman of Earth-2 (appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #21)

Wonder Woman (as Princess Diana; last seen in *Wonder Woman* #328, page 19; appearance here same as *Wonder Woman* #328, page 23)

Zatanna (last seen in *Justice League of America* #244)

### Supporting Characters

Dr. Light II (Dr. Kimiyo Hoshi; first appearance; origin revealed; see third Comment below)

Lady Quark (Tashana; given name revealed in *Who's Who* #13; first appearance; origin revealed)

### Villains

Anti-Monitor (still unrevealed behind the scenes) and his shadow demons (appear next in *Wonder Woman* #328)

Dr. Polaris, Killer Frost II, and Psycho-Pirate II

Vandal Savage (chronologically in between flashbacks in *The Flash* #137; mistakenly depicted wearing his modern-day costume in this story; see Comment below)

### Guest Appearances

Lady Chian, Wing, and other citizens of Atlantis of Arion's era (all appear next in *Arion Special* #1)

John Constantine (in between *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #40 and 44)

Steve Dayton (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #11; appears next in *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #44)

Ronal (last seen in *Superman* #408; appears next in issue #10)

### Other Characters

Lord Volt (Karak; first appearance; Lady Quark's husband; dies in this story)

Princess Fern (Liana; title revealed in *Who's Who* #13; first appearance; daughter of Lord Volt and Lady Quark; dies in this story)

Dr. Jiro Hoshi (Kimiyo Hoshi's father), Prof. Raiden Tazu (first name revealed, but mistakenly identified as Kimiyo Hoshi's father, in *Who's Who* #6), and other unnamed Japanese astronomers (first and only appearance of all to date; see third Comment below)

### Comments

The portion of this story set in ancient Camelot presumably takes place after the Shining Knight had permanently returned there from the present in *All-Star Comics* #65. Subsequently, he visited the present once more to attend the Crimson Avenger's funeral service, shown in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #11. He is also presumably summoned to the Monitor's satellite from the same era in the next issue.

Vandal Savage, by contrast, based on his unfamiliarity with super-heroes in this story, is present in Camelot as a native inhabitant rather than as a time-traveler, despite his presence there in *All-Star Comics* #65. It should be remembered that Savage, being immortal, has been alive since the time of the cavemen.

This story and the entry for Dr. Light II in *Who's Who* #6 do not agree as to the identity of Kimiyo Hoshi's father. A bespectacled astronomer is addressed as "Jiro" by Prof. Tazu and as "Father" by Kimiyo Hoshi, and is referred to as "Dr. Hoshi" by the Monitor in this story, while Kimiyo addresses Prof. Tazu by his formal title, all of which supports the characters' identities as listed above. However, the entry in *Who's Who* #6 reveals that Kimiyo has two children, which, assuming she uses her married name, would explain how she and her parent could have different family names, and thus how Raiden Tazu could be her father. Presumably this will be clarified in her future appearances.

### Synopsis

On Earth-1, in July 1985, Supergirl has been called by Batgirl during the ongoing crisis. Batgirl, looking over the city, confesses her fear of dying in the catastrophe. Supergirl advises her that she herself is scared as well, but that fear must not make them stop trying to help humanity in its hour of need. To accent this, when she sights a plane cracking up in the anti-matter flux, she saves its pilot.

At the East Hampton mansion of Steve Dayton, alias Mento, John Constantine is visiting. Dayton himself is getting very drunk, feeling that there is nothing to do but give in to the crisis. Constantine advises him that neither he nor their world is going to die, and declares that he can sense everything that is happening and knows what the outcome will be.

Pariah appears suddenly on Earth-6, a hitherto unknown Earth, where the anti-matter is finishing its destructive

work. The heroes of this world have been winnowed down to three: the lightning-powered Lord Volt, his wife, the nuclear-powered Lady Quark, and their daughter, the plant-mistress Liana. At the very edge of the anti-matter wave, Liana is killed. Lord Volt is also swallowed up and destroyed. Pariah, intent on saving at least one life, takes Lady Quark in his arms as he is drawn to another world.

From his satellite, the Monitor fires an energy burst at an unstable star in the Vegan system, which sends a beam of energy toward Earth-1.

In Japan of Earth-1, a group of astronomers is watching the onslaught of the anti-matter. Dr. Kimiyo Hoski upbraids her astronomer father and his staff for cowardice. When she uses the telescope to observe the Vegan star, she is hit by the beam of energy and vanishes.

In the satellite, as the Monitor muses that Dr. Hoshi is being recreated, Harbinger is preparing to destroy him, and Alex Luthor, knowing her intentions, realizes that she is doing the Monitor's will, even by killing him.

Meanwhile, the unseen manipulator teleports the Red Tornado into his sanctum. The enemy informs him that he plans to have him fight on his side, and that thus a universe will be destroyed.

On Earth-2, in fabled Camelot, Firestorm and Killer Frost have materialized before one of the Monitor's machines. The Shining Knight appears on the scene and is about to attack Firestorm and Frost as wizards, when shadow demons emerge from the machine and merge into a single entity, towering over the Monitor's device.

In the Old West, in Arion's Atlantis, at the time of the Great Disaster, and in World War II Markovia, the shadow demons have followed the same tactic, uniting to form a towering figure of darkness.

This also takes place in modern New York City of Earth-1, where the Outsiders, Teen Titans, Superman, and Batman are struggling to form a plan of action. Starfire and Halo decide to mount an all-out attack against the machine. Abruptly, the newly created Dr. Light, formerly Kimiyo Hoshi, appears on the machine and warns the heroes not to damage it, as it is the only device that can ever save their planet. No one can understand her, since she is speaking Japanese, and she is forced to ward them off with a lightburst. In the crowd below, Katana comprehends, as does Superman, who approaches for a parley. Dr. Light reveals to him that hundreds of universes have already died, and only she can help to save the few that remain. Superman takes this news as confirmation of his own worst fears, and vows to act on her advice, even if it costs his life.

On Paradise Island of Earth-1, Wonder Woman, as Princess Diana, is attempting to enlist her mother and her sister Amazons in Earth's defense, but Queen Hippolyta and her warrior women have refused, instead doing the bidding of the oracle Athena. Since the Olympian gods cannot save themselves, the Amazons choose to chant prayers and quietly await death. Wonder Woman regrets that not even now, with the end of the world so close, can she make peace with her mother.

On the satellite, the Monitor observes the viewscreens with mounting anxiety. His strength lessens as each universe dies, and although the heroes fight valiantly, his plans are not ready to be brought to fruition. Pariah appears, and the Monitor greets him by name, although he is a stranger to his visitor. He explains to Pariah that this satellite is his home, built before the day Pariah was cursed. The visitor tells him of his damnation to watch millions of beings perish, but never to find death himself. The Monitor explains that he is the one responsible for Pariah's continued existence, since he saw greater good to come of his survival.

The Monitor shows Pariah scenes of the heroes fighting the shadow-warriors in Camelot, and points out to him

one of the giant machines being defended. Pariah notes that he saw one of those constructions in Atlantis. He tells his guest that Earth-1 and Earth-2, linked together inextricably, are set to perish next, suffering from incredible catastrophes against which even super-beings are helpless.

Pariah asks why he was damned to survive the deaths of countless universes, and what the Monitor has done to allay the demise of others. The reply is that all his strength is being conserved for the end, for his enemy is able to move more swiftly than he, unhampered by morals or restraint. He begs Pariah not to harm "her" until "all is made clear." When Pariah asks who "she" might be, Harbinger shouts out, "Too late, old fool!"

The Monitor bids her to do what she must. Lyla and her corrupted Harbinger-self conflict, hesitate; then a bolt of energy rips from her hands and smashes through his body. He falls to the floor of his platform, dead.

Harbinger, switching back to Lyla, plummets helplessly several stories to the floor of the satellite. Pariah, stunned, begs for explanations, but then realizes that the Monitor truly is dead. Meanwhile, on the viewscreen before him, the Earth is being eaten away rapidly by the onrushing anti-matter.

On Earth-1 and Earth-2, none of the teams of heroes can do anything to delay the destruction. In Atlantis, in Camelot, in the American Old West, in World War II Markovia, in New York City of 1985, in the Great Disaster, all can only watch as the wave of white nothingness tears away at the planet, and everything in two universes vanishes as one.

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #5
**August 1985**

### Cover Description
**Red Tornado, Scalphunter, Wildfire, Halo, Flash, Flash**

**of Earth-2, Jonni Thunder, Amazing-Man, Cheetah of Earth-2, Solomon Grundy, Dr. Mid-Nite, Dawnstar, Martian Manhunter, Batman, Firestorm, Superman, Superman of Earth-2, Psycho-Pirate II, Spectre, Brainwave Jr., Johnny Quick of Earth-2, Manhunter of Earth-2 (Paul Kirk), Firebrand II, Fog, Robotman of Earth-2, Sgt. Rock, Dr. Light II, Warlord, Kamandi, Blackhawk, Lead, Hawkman, Hawkman of Earth-2, Rag Doll, Star-Spangled Kid, Fury, Dr. Fate, Ultra-Humanite, Nightwing, Blue Devil, Wonder Woman, Wonder Woman of Earth-2, Obsidian, Huntress, Wildcat, Supergirl, Deathstroke the Terminator, Phantom Stranger, Cyborg, Dream Girl, Atom, Atom of Earth-2, Zatara, Sandman of Earth-2, Monocle, Shining Knight, Liberty Belle, Neptune Perkins, Swamp Thing, Dr. Polaris, Amethyst, Red Star, Joker, Green Lantern (John Stewart), Green Lantern of Earth-2, Nuklon, Tsunami, Guardian, Sargon the Sorcerer, Tarantula, Chameleon Boy, Steel, Solovar, Jonah Hex, Starfire, Green Arrow, Green Arrow of Earth-2, Robin of Earth-2, Power Girl, Northwind, Vigilante of Earth-2, Thunderbolt of Earth-2, Ultra-Humanite as Dolores Winters, Dane Dorrance, Killer Frost II, Arion, Geo-Force, Lex Luthor, Alexei Luthor of Earth-2, Jade, Commander Steel, Hourman, Silver Scarab, Per Degaton, Plastic Man, Starman of Earth-2**

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### STORY

**"Worlds in Limbo"** (25 Pages)

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### Feature Characters

**Harbinger, Alex Luthor,** and **Pariah**
**Monitor** (as a corpse and a recorded image)

### Guest Stars

**Adam Strange** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #82; appears next in *Swamp Thing* #46; see Comment below)

**Air Wave II** (appears next in issue #12)

**Alanna** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #82)

**Amazing-Man** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #54, page 14; appearance here same as *All-Star Squadron* #54, page 19 through page 23, panel 1; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23, panel 6)

**Amethyst** (last seen in *Amethyst* #12; appears next in the second story in issue #10)

**Anthro** (last seen in issue #2; appears next in issue #10)

**Aquagirl** and **Aqualad** (both last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #6)

**Aquaman** (last seen in *Justice League of America* #241)

**Arion** (appears next in *Arion Special* #1)

**Arisia** (Green Lantern of Space Sector 2815; last seen in the Tales of the Green Lantern Corps story in *Green Lantern* (second series) #188; appears next in issue #8)

**Atom** (last seen in *Sword of the Atom Special* #2; appears next in issue #8)

**Atom of Earth-2** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearance here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; appearance on page 21 same as *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23)

**Batgirl** and **Firestorm** (both appear next in issue #7)

**Bat Lash, Dolphin, Lori Lemaris, Supergirl, Scalphunter,** and **Wonder Woman**

**Batman** (last seen in *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #44; appears next in issue #7)

**Bonnie Baxter** (a member of Rip Hunter's team; last seen in *Action Comics* #553; appears next in issue #9)

**Corky Baxter** (a member of Rip Hunter's team; last seen in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #37; appears next in issue #9)

**Big Sir** (last seen in *The Flash* #342)

**Black Canary** (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #194)

**Black Condor, Doll Man, Human Bomb, Ray,** and **Uncle Sam** (all last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #62)

**Black Lightning** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 19; appears next in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

**Black Orchid** (last seen in *Blue Devil Annual* #1; appears next in issue #12)

**Blackhawks, (Blackhawk, Andre, Chuck, Stanislaus, Hendrickson, Olaf,** and **Chop-Chop**; most behind the scenes only; all last seen in *Blackhawk* #273; appear next in issue #9; see Comment below)

**Blok** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12)

**Blue Devil** (appears next in *Blue Devil* #17)

**Bouncing Boy, Lightning Lad,** and **Saturn Girl** (all last seen in the second story in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12; all appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #14)

**Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy,** and **Ultra Boy** (all appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #13)

**Brainwave Jr., Jade,** and **Star-Spangled Kid** (all last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearance here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; all appear next in *Infinity, Inc.* #23)

**B'wana Beast** (last seen in *Showcase* #67; appears next in issue #12)

**Captain Comet** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #22; appears next in issue #10)

**Catwoman** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #558; appears next in *Batman* #392)

**Celsius** and **Robotman** (both last seen in flashback in *The Daring New Adventures of Supergirl* #10; both appear next in issue #9)

**Challengers of the Unknown (Ace Morgan, Rocky Davis, Prof Haley, Red Ryan,** and **June Robbins**; all except June Robbins last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #84; June Robbins last seen in *Challengers of the Unknown* #87; all appear next in issue #8)

**Chameleon Boy** and **Colossal Boy** (both last seen in issue #2; both appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #14)

**Changeling, Katana, Kole,** and **Starfire** (all last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 19)

**Chlorophyll Kid** (last seen in *Legion of Substitute Heroes Special* #1)

**Ch'p** (Green Lantern of planet H'lven; last seen in *Tales of the Green Lantern Corps Annual* #1; appears next in issue #8)

**Cinnamon** (last seen in *Justice League of America* #199; appears next in issue #7)

**Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lass,** and **Wildfire** (all last seen in issue #3; all appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #14)

**Creeper** (last seen in *Blue Devil Annual* #1; appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #88)

**Cyborg** (appears next in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 22)

**Dawnstar** and **Dream Girl** (both appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #14)

**Deadman** (last seen in *Saga of the Swamp Thing Annual* #2; appears next in issue #7)

**Dr. Fate** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearance here

on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; appearance on pages 19–20 same as *All-Star Squadron* #53, pages 20–21; appears next in issue #9)

**Dove** (last seen, as Don Hall, in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #50; appears next in issue #9)

**Duo Damsel** (last seen in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #317; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #14)

**Element Lad** and **Sun Boy** (both last seen in issue #3; both appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #13)

**Elongated Man, Gypsy,** and **Vibe** (Vibe miscolored in this story; all last seen in *Justice League of America* #244; all appear next in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

**Firebrand II** (appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #54; page 18)

**Firehair** (last seen in *Showcase* #100; appears next in issue #7)

**Firehawk** (last seen in *The Fury of Firestorm* #36; appears next in issue #8)

**Flash** (last seen in issue #3)

**Flash of Earth-2** and **Wildcat** (both last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearances here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; appearances on pages 19–21 same as *All-Star Squadron* #53; pages 20–23)

**Fury** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearance here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, page 1–11; appears next in issue #9, which appearance is the same as *Infinity, Inc.* #23)

**Geo-Force** and **Zatanna** (both appear next in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

**Green Arrow** (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #194; appears next in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

**Green Arrow of Earth-2** (last seen in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #11; appearance here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; appearance on page 21 same as *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23; appears next in issue #7)

**Green Lantern** (John Stewart; last seen in issue #3, which appearance was the same as *Green Lantern* (second series) #195; appears next in issue #7)

**Green Lantern Corps** (several unidentified members, some of whom appear next in issue #8)

**Green Lantern of Earth-2** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearance here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23)

**Guardians of the Universe** (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #195, page 19; appear next in issue #8)

**Halo** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 19; appears next in issue #9)

**Hawkgirl of Earth-2** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearance here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; headgear incorrectly depicted in this story; appears next in issue #9)

**Hawkman** (appears next in issue #9)

**Hawkman of Earth-2** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21)

**Hawkwoman** (appears next in issue #10)

**Hourman, Johnny Thunder of Earth-2, Nuklon, Obsidian, Silver Scarab** (headgear depicted incorrectly in this story), and **Wonder Woman of Earth-2** (all last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearances here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; all appear next in issue #9)

**Rip Hunter** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #78; appears next in issue #9)

**Huntress** and **Superman of Earth-2** (both last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearances here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; both appear next in issue #7)

**Invisible Kid II** (in between *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #11 and 13)

**Jemm** (last seen in *Jemm, Son of Saturn* #12; appears next in issue #10)

**Jericho, Nightwing,** and **Wonder Girl** (all in between pages 19 and 22 of *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13)

**Johnny Quick of Earth-2** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 18; appearance here same as *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 19 through page 23, panel 2; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23, panel 4)

**Johnny Thunder** (John Tane; appears next in flashback in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #28)

**Jonah Hex** (appears next in *Jonah Hex* #91)

**Jonni Thunder** (last seen in *Jonni Thunder* #4; appearance here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #23)

**Kamandi** (appears next in the second story in issue #10)

**Liberty Belle** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 18; appearance here same as *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 19 through page 23, panel 1; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23, panel 5)

**Martian Manhunter** and **Steel** (both last seen in *Justice League of America* #244)

**Metal Men, (Gold, Lead, Iron, Mercury, Tin,** and **Platinum;** last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #70; appear next in issue #9)

**Metamorpho** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 19; appears next in issue #7)

**Mon-El, Shadow Lass,** and **Timber Wolf** (all last seen in the first story in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #11; all appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #13)

**Yolanda Montez** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearance here on page 21 same as *All-Star Squadron* #53, pages 20–23)

**Phantom Girl** (last seen in the first story in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #13)

**Phantom Lady** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #293)

**Phantom Stranger** (last seen in *Blue Devil Annual* #1; appears next in issue #7)

**Plastic Man** (in between *DC Comics Presents* #39 and 93)

**Polar Boy** (last seen in *Legion of Substitute Heroes Special* #1; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #14)

**Power Girl** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearance here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; appearance on pages 19–22 same as *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 20 through page 23, panel 2; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23, panel 4)

**Proty II** (in between *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series #9 and 16)

**Ragman** (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #196)

**Red Star** (last seen, as Starfire I, in *New Teen Titans* #18; appears next in issue #9), **Red Tornado** (appears next in issue #8), **Robin of Earth-2** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appearance here on pages 7 – 12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; appears next in issue #11)

**Sgt. Rock** and **Easy Company** (all appear next in issue #9)

**Sargon the Sorcerer** (last seen in *Justice League of America* #220; appears next in issue #9)

**Sea Devils (Dane Dorrance, Biff Bailey, Jill Walton,** and **Nicky Walton;** all except Dane Dorrance last seen in flashback in *Action Comics* #552; Dane Dorrance last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #77; all appear next in issue #7)

**Shining Knight** and **Winged Victory** (both appear next in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #11; see Comment for issue #4)

**Jeff Smith** (a member of Rip Hunter's team; last seen in *Action Comics* #553; appears next in issue #10)

**Spectre** (last seen in *America vs. The Justice Society* #2; appears next in issue #7)

**Stripesy** (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #11; appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #23)

**Jeb Stuart** and **the Haunted Tank Crew** (appear next in issue #9)

**Superman** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #86; appears next in *Superman* #410)

**Swamp Thing** (last seen in *Swamp Thing* #46, page 7; appearance here same in part as *Swamp Thing* #46, pages 8–10; appears next in *Swamp Thing* #46, page 11)

**Tarantula** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #54, page 14; appearance here same as *All-Star Squadron* #53, pages 18 through 21; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23)

**Thunderbolt of Earth-2** (Johnny Thunder's magical servant; last seen in *Justice League of America* #220; appears next in issue #9)

**Tomar-Re** (Green Lantern of Space Sector 2813; last seen in the Tales of the Green Lantern Corps story in *Green Lantern* (second series) #188; appears next in issue #8)

**Warlord** (last seen in *Warlord* #99; appears next in issue #10)

**Xax** (Green Lantern of planet Xaos; last seen in the Tales of the Green Lantern Corps story in *Green Lantern* (second series) #190; appears next in issue #8)

### Supporting Characters

**Dr. Light II**

**Lady Quark** (appears next in issue #7)

### Villains

**Anti-Monitor** (revealed in this issue)

**Abra Kadabra** (last seen in *The Flash* #350)

**Blockbuster** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #294; appears next in issue #9)

**Brain, M. Mallah, Plasmus,** and **Warp** (all last seen in *New Teen Titans* #31; all appear next in issue #9)

**Brain Storm** (last seen in the Jimmy Olsen story in *Superman Family* #221; appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #91)

**Brother Blood** (last seen in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #41)

**Captain Boomerang** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #555; appears next in *Blue Devil Annual* #2)

**Captain Cold** (last seen in **The Flash** #350; appears next in *Blue Devil* #19)

**Cheetah of Earth-2** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #196; appears next in issue #10)

**Copperhead** (last seen in *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2, in a story originally scheduled to appear in the never-published *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #17, and re-capped on the text page of *DC Comics Presents* #62; appears next in issue #9)

**Deathbolt** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron Annual* #2; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23)

**Deathstroke the Terminator** (last seen in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #55; appears next in issue #9)

**Dr. Polaris** (appears next in issue #10)

**Eclipso** (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #186; appears next in issue #9)

**Gizmo, Mammoth,** and **Shimmer** (all last seen in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #58; all appear next in issue #9)

**Helix** (**Mr. Bones, Penny Dreadful, Arak the Wind-Walker, Tao Jones, Baby Boom,** and **Critter**; all last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #18; no appearance; presence revealed in *Infinity, Inc.* #22)

**Killer Frost II** and **Vandal Savage** (both appear next in issue #9)

**Kung** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #43; appears next in issue #9)

**Alexei Luthor of Earth-2** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents Annual* #1; appears next in issue #9)

**Knodar** (last seen in *Green Lantern* (first series) #30; no appearance; behind the scenes, as revealed in his next appearance in *Infinity, Inc.* #24)

**Mirror Master** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #555; appears next in issue #9)

**Mist** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron Annual* #2; appears next in issue #9)

**Ocean Master** (last seen in the Aquaman story in *Action Comics* #520)

**Penguin** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #541; appears next in issue #9)

**Per Degaton** (last chronological appearance in *All-Star Comics* #59; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23)

**Phobia** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* #31; appears next in issue #10)

**Poison Ivy** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #534; appears next in issue #9)

**Psycho-Pirate II**

**Rag Doll** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron Annual* #2)

**Riddler** (last seen in *Batman* #362; appears next in issue #9)

**Silver Swan** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #323; appears next in issue #9)

**Sinestro** (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #174; appears next in issue #9)

**Solomon Grundy** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #4; appearance here on pages 7–12 same as *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11; appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #23)

**Star Sapphire** (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #193; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23)

**Samurai** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #43; appears next in issue #9)

**Syonide** (last seen in *Batman and the Outsiders* #20)

**Ultra-Humanite** (appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #55)

**Vulcan** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron Annual* #2)

**Weather Wizard** (last seen in *The Flash* #350; appears next in issue #9)

**Windfall** (last seen in *Batman and the Outsiders* #10; appears next in *Batman and the Outsiders Annual* #2)

### Guest Appearances

**Ambush Bug** (last seen in *Ambush Bug* #4; no appearance; presence revealed in *Swamp Thing* #46; appears next in *Ambush Bug Christmas Stocking Stuffer* #1)

**Arak** (not to be confused with the member of Helix) and **Valda** (both last seen in *Arak* #50; no appearance; presence

revealed in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

**Black Pirate** and **Black Pirate II** (his son; both last seen in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #48; no appearance; presence revealed in their next appearance, in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

**Cyclotron** (chronologically in between pages 31 and 35 of *All-Star Squadron Annual* #2; no appearance; presence and relative chronology revealed in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

**Don Caballero** and **Roving Ranger** (both last seen in *All-Star Western* #65; no appearance; presénce revealed in their next appearance, in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

**Embra, Lart,** and **Ne-Ahn** (all last seen in issue #2)

**Golden Gladiator** (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #6; no appearance; presence revealed in his next appearance, in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

**Rittmeister Hans von Hammer** (Enemy Ace; last seen in *Unknown Soldier* #264; no appearance; presence revealed in *Swamp Thing* #46; appears next in issue #7)

**Harlequin of Earth-2** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; no appearance; presence revealed in *Infinity, Inc.* #22; appears next in issue #9)

**Lois Lane** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #86; appears next in *Superman* #413)

**Lana Lang** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13; appears next in *Superman* #413)

**Miss Liberty** and **Jon the Viking Prince** (both last seen in *Justice League of America* #160; no appearance; presence revealed in their next appearance, in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

**Negative Woman** (last seen in flashback in *Daring New Adventures of Supergirl* #10; appears next in issue #9)

**Northwind** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appears next in issue #6, which appearance is the same as *Infinity, Inc.* #23)

**Peter Parker of Earth-1** (first and only appearance to date)

**Alfred Pennyworth** (in between *Detective Comics* #555 and 559)

**Silent Knight** (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #22; no appearance; presence revealed in his next appearance, in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

**Strong Bow** (last seen in *All-Star Western* #99; no appearance; presence revealed in his next appearance, in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

**Super-Chief** (last seen in *All-Star Western* #119; no appearance; presence revealed in his next appearance, in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

**Jason Todd** (last seen, as Robin, in *Detective Comics* #558; appears next, as Robin, in flashback in the third story in *Blue Devil* #19)

**Tomahawk** (last seen in *Unknown Soldier* #264; appears next in *The Fury of Firestorm* #42)

**Trigger Twins** (last seen in *All-Star Western* #116; no appearance; presence revealed in their next appearance, in *All-Star Squadron* #54)

### Other Characters

**David Gerrold** (character named after science fiction writer) and **Phyllis Gerrold of Earth-2 Chicago** (his wife; first and only appearance of both to date)

**Michele Gerrold of Earth-1** (daughter of David and Phyllis Gerrold; first and only appearance to date)

**Grxx of Ceti Alpha 6** and **three other unnamed bystanders displaced in time and space** (first and only appearance to date)

**Hank** (first and only appearance to date; Lois Lane's cameraman)

### Comments

The crowd scene aboard the Monitor's satellite on pages 7–12 of this story is shown in fuller detail in *Infinity, Inc.* #22, pages 1–11, and in *Swamp Thing* #46, pages 8–10. In addition, *Infinity, Inc.* #24 and *All-Star Squadron* #55 reveal that additional characters are present here, although not depicted.

Adam Strange appears in this story as seen on planet Rann on the Monitor's viewscreen, but he immediately returns to Earth, either through the Monitor's technology or because his Zeta-beam wears off, in time to join the gathering of super-beings aboard the satellite, as seen by his presence among the group in *Swamp Thing* #46.

Lex Luthor, Persuader, Tharok, and Validus are mistakenly depicted aboard the Monitor's satellite in this story. Luthor is occupied with a plot against Superman, and the three members of the Fatal Five are imprisoned on the planet Takron-Galtos, until they are summoned by Brainiac in issue #6 and issue #9, respectively.

Hourman II is mistakenly depicted aboard the Monitor's satellite in *Swamp Thing* #46.

It is presumed that the Blackhawks who appear in this story are the Earth-1 heroes, who are pulled through time from a point during World War II, as are certain members of the Earth-2 All-Star Squadron.

### Synopsis

In his dark lair, the Monitor's adversary gloats that the Monitor and the first two prime universes—those containing Earth-1 and Earth-2—are gone. But he wonders why he has not yet received their energies. He informs the Pirate that he and the Red Tornado will serve as his tools, and that the Flash of Earth-1, capable of traversing dimensions unaided, cannot be allowed to run free. Still, three universes remain to be destroyed, and without the Monitor to guard them, their doom is at hand.

In the satellite, Pariah stands by the Monitor's body, mourning, when he is joined by the anguished Lyla, changed from her Harbinger identity, unable to believe that she could have killed him, crying that she owed her very life to him. They are interrupted by the voice of the Monitor, coming from a prerecorded videotape. The image of the Monitor explains that he knew of Lyla's possession, and that she had no other choice but to kill him, but in doing so, she fulfilled his last request.

The Monitor's image explains that all his energy was released into his machines at the moment of his death, powering all his vibrational forks and then some. His very being was transformed into a netherverse, absorbing and guarding the universes of Earth-1 and Earth-2. However, on those worlds, all time has become one. His energies have calmed the populace, but, because the vibrational fork machines were not fully attuned due to the lack of time, the Earths are still in danger. Their vibrational rates are slowing, and when they reach the same frequency, they will occupy the same space at the same time and destroy each other.

Telling Lyla he loves her, the image of the Monitor concludes its message, while Pariah and Lyla continue to mourn over the body. Suddenly, another voice fills the chamber. Clad in golden armor, Alex Luthor, now aged to young adulthood, introduces himself, and explains that the Monitor saved him, and then discovered that he was composed of positive and negative matter. The Monitor then left Luthor with instructions on how to help save the remaining universes, but first, Alex proclaims, the Monitor must be given a proper farewell. They eject the body into space. Lyla declares her love, and Alex replies that they can show their love by saving the universes that remain.

Back in the lair of the Monitor's adversary, the overlord of evil curses his opponent as he realizes what has happened. He vows to have Earth-1 and Earth-2, but there are other worlds to conquer first. The Psycho-Pirate asks what he is expected to do, and the villain explains that the Pirate will be given the last three Earths to play with, but for now, he can amuse himself with the Flash of Earth-1, as long as he doesn't kill him. The Flash, demanding answers from his hosts, is put under a spell of fear by the Pirate.

On the merged Earths 1 and 2, Lana Lang of WGBS-TV is doing a live report on the chaos befalling the joined worlds. Beings and artifacts of every time era exist side-by-side. Manhattan skyscrapers overlook dinosaurs, Fokker Triplanes, Colonial dwellings, propeller planes, futuristic skycraft, and Indians and white men from the 19th century. The Robin and Huntress of Earth-2 stand side-by-side with the Earth-1 Batman; Sinestro, Sgt. Rock, and Nuklon gape at the proceedings together.

In the satellite, Harbinger, Pariah, and Alex Luthor have teleported almost all the super-beings of Earth-1 and Earth-2 into the meeting chamber to enlist them as allies in the struggle for universal survival. Alex tells them that answers to the strange occurrences on their worlds will now be given. Alex reveals to the throng that the Monitor is dead. They face an enemy, the name and nature of whom was never revealed to them by the Monitor. However, they do know this enemy's goal—the destruction of all positive matter universes.

Alex tells them, again, that all the Earths remaining—including Earth-1 and Earth-2—are separated by different vibrational rates. So that they might escape the attack of the enemy's anti-matter, the Monitor began the process of merging the universes of Earth-1 and Earth-2 into one. At the dawn of time, the prime universe was split into an infinite number of universes. To save all life, the multiverse must become a universe once more.

He tells the unbelieving crowd to return to their worlds and see the danger, to help them decide, but their decisions must be made quickly, for there is little time left.

On the planet Oa, a contingent of Green Lanterns, their power rings inoperative, land their spacecraft at the headquarters of the Guardians. Tomar-Re, Arisia, Xax, Ch'p, and the others behold their masters, held immobile in a stasis beam. Suddenly, an energy burst knocks them all out.

In the time-stream, Rip Hunter and his three allies find their Time Sphere buffeted by incredible forces, making it impossible for them to emerge in any time period.

At Wayne Manor, Alfred Pennyworth introduces Batman, Jason Todd, Robin of Earth-2, the Huntress, Nuklon, Metamorpho, Katana, Halo, and a group of super-villains to the cave-dwelling family of Anthro which has just appeared, complete with cave, by the stairwell inside the mansion.

In Russia, Firestorm, Starfire, Firebrand, Polar Boy, Killer Frost, and Sun Boy give aid to the Soviet super-hero, Red Star in fighting off a dinosaur attack. Firestorm is shocked to find that the Psycho-Pirate's spell on Killer Frost has worn off, so that she treats him once again as an enemy.

In the lair of the Monitor's foe, the Red Tornado is being subjected to powerful energies by his unseen host, while the Psycho-Pirate and the protesting Flash look on. The enemy explains that the Tornado is actually a primal force, more than machine or human. The Tornado suddenly becomes a living cyclone, and the enemy says that now the Red Tornado will never again be the being they knew before. The cyclone, and the Tornado, fade from view, and the chamber is dark once more.

Elsewhere on Earth-1, the time-lost band of heroes sees a gigantic crimson cyclone appear in the sky, endangering aircraft. Huge thunderbolts shoot from its surface. Dr. Fate leads a group of magically powered heroes from Earth-2 in uniting their power and banishing the tornado. Wildcat, carrying a child away from the torrent, is struck by lightning. The Flash of Earth-2 comes upon the motionless body of the Red Tornado in the wreckage, while Ultra Boy, examining Wildcat with his penetra-vision, declares that his legs are shattered and that he will probably never walk again. Reviving, Wildcat asks what became of the girl he was carrying, and Jade points out Yolanda Montez, who has caught the girl safely.

All over Earth-1 and Earth-2, the bands of super-heroes and super-villains contact Harbinger and accept her terms to join the fight against the Monitor's enemy. Alex Luthor, Pariah, and she choose a small group of heroes for an audience and summon them to the satellite: Steel, Hawkman of Earth-2, Northwind, Changeling, Starfire, Dr. Light, and (as revealed in the next issue) J'onn J'onzz, Katana, Azrael, Blok, Flash of Earth-2, Kole, Supergirl, Black Canary, and Wonder Woman. Alex explains that the anti-matter cloud is now moving through the final three universes of Earths S, X, and 4. Only by saving all five universes will they have power enough to resist the hidden enemy. Just as he is about to send them through the vortex between the Earths, the satellite starts to shake apart.

In his lair, the dark being and the Psycho-Pirate watch a viewscreen image of the satellite disintegrating. The villain says that this will only delay his enemies, but not stop them. When the Pirate asks him about the fate of Apokolips, the villain responds that Darkseid won't be able to resist him when the proper times comes. The Flash challenges their host to show himself, if he is so powerful. He reveals himself to the hero, and to the Pirate. They gaze at a huge figure, in an armored suit like the Monitor's, whose face seems to be composed of whitish "unflesh."

"Call me—The Monitor!" he says, "And very soon I shall be ruler over all who live!"

On Earth-X, the anti-matter is rapidly destroying the planet. The Freedom Fighters stand before the curtain of void, unable to understand what it is. Vowing to die trying to save their adopted world, they head straight toward the anti-matter and destruction.

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #6
**September 1985**

### Cover Description

**The Anti-Monitor**

### Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

### STORY

"3 Earths! 3 Deaths!" (25 Pages)

### Credits

Editor, co-plotter, scripter: **Marv Wolfman**
Consulting editor: **Len Wein**
Associate editor, co-plotter: **Robert Greenberger**
Penciler: **George Perez**
Inker: **Jerry Ordway**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Tom Ziuko**

### Feature Characters

**Harbinger, Alex Luthor,** and **Pariah**

### Guest Stars

**Aquagirl, Aqualad, Atom of Earth-2, Black Canary, Changeling, Doll Man, Dolphin, Flash, Flash of Earth-2, Human Bomb, Katana, Kole, Lori Lemaris, Martian Manhunter, Phantom Lady, Ray, Sea Devils, Starfire, Steel, Supergirl, Uncle Sam,** and **Wonder Woman**

**Aquaman** (appears next in *Justice League of America* #242)

**Azrael** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #12)

**Black Condor** and **Hawkman of Earth-2** (both appear in issue #9)

**Blok** (appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #13)

**Blue Beetle** (last seen in issue #3)

**Captain Atom** (Nathaniel Christopher Adam; full name revealed in *Who's Who* #3), **Nightshade** (Eve Eden), and **the Question** (Vic Sage; first appearance of all three in a

DC comic; all last seen in *Americomics Special* #1)

**Captain Marvel, Captain Marvel Jr., and Mary Marvel** (all last seen in *DC Comics Presents Annual* #3)

**Green Lantern of Earth-2 and Power Girl** (both last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23)

**Johnny Quick of Earth-2** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #57)

**Judomaster** (Rip Jagger; first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Judomaster* #98)

**Northwind** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #23, where he is shown to have been present during the events of issue #5, pages 7–12; appears next in issue #9)

**Peacemaker** (Christopher Smith; first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Peacemaker* #5)

**Thunderbolt of Earth-4** (Peter Cannon; not to be confused with Johnny Thunder's magical servant, the Thunderbolt of Earth-2; first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Thunderbolt* #60)

**Uncle Marvel** (last seen in the Shazam! story in *World's Finest Comics* #282)

**Wildcat** (appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #25)

**Wildcat II** (Yolanda Montez; becomes Wildcat II in this story)

### Supporting Character

**Dr. Light II**

### Villains

**Anti-Monitor and Psycho-Pirate II**

**Black Manta** (last seen in *Aquaman* #57; appears next in issue #9)

**Brainiac** (last seen in issue #3)

**Deathbolt** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23; appears next in issue #10)

**Lex Luthor** (last seen in *Superman* #413; appears next in issue #9)

**Ocean Master** (appears next in issue #9)

**Per Degaton and Star Sapphire** (both last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #53, page 23; both appear next in issue #9)

### Guest Appearances

**Joan Jameson** (last seen in the Shazam! story in *World's Finest Comics* #276)

**Sterling Morris** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents Annual* #3)

### Synopsis

In his lair, the Anti-Monitor stands over the Flash, who has begun to recover from Psycho-Pirate's spell of fear. The villain declares that when the Monitor's remaining energies fade, which now protect Earth-1 and 2, the ultimate power will be his. As promised, he imbues the Pirate with enough power to control the emotions of the people on three Earths. This will counter the Monitor's plan to save those worlds with the aid of super-beings from Earth-1 and Earth-2.

Back on the satellite, the heroes are trying to save themselves while their shelter falls apart. Pariah disappears, drawn to a new disaster. Alex hooks himself to one of the machines, to draw Earths 4, S, and X into the Monitor's netherverse. Harbinger knocks him unconscious to prevent his sacrifice, then she enters the power-well at the center of the satellite, moments before the satellite blows apart.

On Earth-2, the Atom carries Wildcat to a bed in an apartment. Wildcat, in pain from his shattered legs, moans that he was useless before, and now he is helpless. Atom replies that Ted Grant gave Al Pratt lots of inspiration, not only by being a champion prizefighter, but by struggling to live in a hard and cruel world. He urges Wildcat not to let Al Pratt, or himself, down. Outside, clinging to the windowsill, is Yolanda Montez. She mourns for Ted, vowing that a new Wildcat will live in his honor.

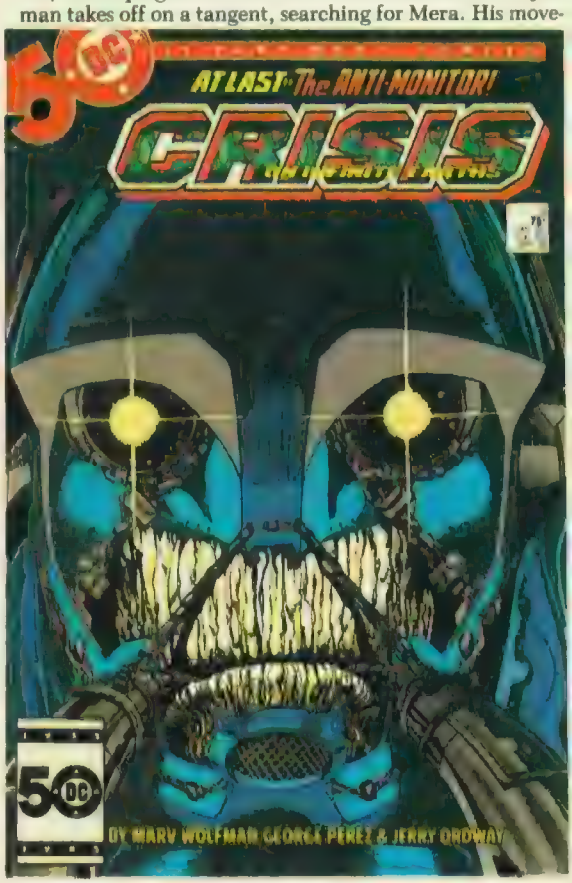
On Earth-1, Lex Luthor, fleeing from Superman, is transported to Brainiac's ship. Luthor is surprised, never having seen Brainiac in his robotic form. The living computer reveals a plan to make them rulers of the universe.

On Earth-X, Steel, Northwind, Dr. Light, Starfire, and Hawkman of Earth-2 are suddenly teleported to a rooftop near where the anti-matter is devastating the city. Then they see a giant figure of Harbinger within the curtain of anti-matter. On the street below they see a crowd of humans running directly for the curtain. Northwind streaks down, but is blasted by the Ray, who reveals himself, along with the other Freedom Fighters. Hawkman goes to Northwind's aid but is pummelled by the Black Condor, who, like his fellows, is entranced into thinking that the costumed newcomers are foes. Dr. Light stops the people from reaching the curtain by erecting a barricade of light-energy, before the Ray blasts her. She is caught safely by Hawkman.

In the anti-matter universe of the Anti-Monitor, the Psycho-Pirate, controlling the emotions of the populations of Earths X, S, and 4, begs his master to let him stop, as the strain is killing him. However, the Monitor replies that once he had yearned for a world to mold, and now he has three.

On Earth-4, Azrael, Flash of Earth-2, Blok, Katana, and J'onn J'onzz materialize before an anti-matter curtain in the American Mid-west. They too see Harbinger's image amidst the anti-matter, and overhead, is the descending bug-ship of the Blue Beetle. He is blasted to the ground by an entranced Captain Atom. Peacemaker and Nightshade appear nearby. Katana is thrown for a loss in her first encounter with Judomaster, displaced from his own era of World War II. The Blue Beetle and the Question realize that they are being forced to attack the heroes, but know that they are helpless to do anything about it.

On the merging Earths 1 and 2, the Atlantis of Arion's time now exists above the waves, while the underwater Atlantean cities of Tritonis and Poseidonis have been transplanted to a future Earth. Lori Lemaris, Aquaman, Aqualad, and Aquagirl are unable to locate their homes. Aquaman takes off on a tangent, searching for Mera. His move-



ments are observed by Ocean Master, Black Manta, and Dolphin, who sees the two villains disappear.

On Earth-S, Black Canary watches Changeling, in elephant-form, being thrown through a wall, while Supergirl flies down from above. The three Earth-1 heroes are then attacked by Captain Marvel, who has been manipulated into fighting them. Supergirl holds him off, and tries to reason with him, but the World's Mightiest Mortal will not listen, and nearly buries them by knocking down a building. Black Canary deduces that the Psycho-Pirate, of her mother's Earth, must be controlling Captain Marvel, and then notices that the people of Earth-S, running toward the anti-matter curtain, as did their counterparts on Earths X and 4, have been stopped by a crystal barrier erected by Kole. Here too, Harbinger's image can be seen within the anti-matter. Wonder Woman of Earth-1 is almost overwhelmed by Captain Marvel, Jr. and Mary Marvel, before Black Canary's sonic blast incapacitates the Earth-S heroes. Changeling, as a boa constrictor, has managed to tie up Uncle Marvel.

On Earth-X, Steel is preventing people from destroying themselves in the anti-matter.

On Earth-4, Katana, Blok, and J'onn J'onzz have stalemated the Blue Beetle, Judomaster, and Question.

Harbinger, existing simultaneously in Earths S, X, and 4, suddenly draws their universes away from the anti-matter and pulls them through her focussed image.

In the lair of the Anti-Monitor, the Pirate suffers feedback from losing control over the populaces of three Earths.

In the netherverse created from the being of the deceased Monitor, Harbinger now accomplishes the incredible task of linking Earths S, X, and 4 with the merging Earths 1 and 2. Doing so, Harbinger ceases to exist; she reverts to the identity of Lyla, dazed, standing on an asteriod beside Alex. He marvels that she had sacrificed so much to save three universes; she replies that she hadn't sacrificed everything—the Monitor did, while she is still alive.

But their job is still not finished. The five worlds, all separated by different vibratory rates, are slowing to synchronization...and at that point, they will destroy each other. The immediate problem, however, Alex notes, is getting off the asteroid.

On Earth-2, Power Girl, Green Lantern, and Johnny Quick, in pursuit of Star Sapphire, Deathbolt, and Per Degaton, see their quarry disappear without a trace.

In the apartment where he was taken, Ted Grant sleeps. A figure stands over him for a moment, proclaiming that the world still needs a Wildcat, and will have one.

In space, Lyla reassures Alex that the Monitor had seen a special destiny in the crisis for him.

On Earth-2, Yolanda Montez takes to the rooftops as the New Wildcat.

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #7
**October 1985**

### Cover Description

**Superman** and the corpse of **Supergirl**; **Blackhawk**, **Blue Beetle**, **Elongated Man**, **Deadman**, **Green Lantern** (John Stewart), **Spectre**, **Rocky Davis**, **Ragman**, **Amethyst**, **Phantom Stranger**, **Zatanna**, **Dolphin**, **Flash**, **Atomic Knight**, **Kole**, **Mr. Miracle**, **Warlord**, **Invisible Kid II**, **Cinnamon**, **Plastic Man**, **Big Bear**, **Shade**, **Lori Lemaris**, **Jemm**, **Changeling**, **Tarantula**, **Omac**, **Robin**, **Brainiac 5**, **Creeper**, **Hawkman of Earth-2**, **Sgt. Rock**, **Proty II**, **Huntress**, **Jonni Thunder**, **Question**, **Batgirl**, **Firestorm**, **Captain Marvel**, **Colossal Boy**, **Tomahawk**, **Kamandi**, **Power Girl**, **Superman of Earth-2**, **Swamp Thing**, **Nightwing**, **Starfire**, **Broot**, **Star Boy**, **Solovar**, **Fury**, **Night Girl**, **Cyborg**, **Vigilante II**, **Gypsy**, **Metamorpho**, **Doll Man**, **Nuklon**, **Jonah Hex**, **Atom**, **Blue Devil**, **Martian Manhunter**, **Batman**, **Adam Strange**, **Wonder Woman**, **Gold**, **Dr. Fate**

### Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

### STORY

"Beyond the Silent Night" (42 Pages)

### Credits

Editor, co-plotter, scripter: **Marv Wolfman**
Consulting editor: **Len Wein**
Associate editor, co-plotter: **Robert Greenberger**
Penciler: **George Perez**
Inkers: **Jerry Ordway** and **Dick Giordano** (pages 18–40 only)
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Tom Ziuko**

### Feature Characters

**Harbinger**, **Alex Luthor**, and **Pariah** (all appear next in issue #9)

**Monitor** (earliest chronological appearance; appears in a flashback only; origin revealed)

### Guest Stars

**Aquagirl**, **Aqualad**, **Captain Atom**, **Doll Man**, **Flash of Earth-2**, **Green Lantern of Earth-2**, **Human Bomb**, **Katana**, **Nightshade**, **Phantom Lady**, and **Uncle Sam** (all appear next in issue #9)

**Atom of Earth-2** and **Wildcat II** (appearances here same as *Infinity, Inc.* #23, pages 1 and 2; both appear next in issue #9)

**Azrael** and **Cyborg** (both appear next in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14)

**Batgirl** (last seen in issue #5; appears next in issue #12)

**Batman** (last seen in issue #5; appears next in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

**Black Canary** and **Steel** (both appear next in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

**Blok** and **Saturn Girl** (both in between *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #14 and 16)

**Blue Beetle**, **Captain Marvel**, **Captain Marvel Jr.**, **Dolphin**, **Judomaster**, **Mary Marvel**, **Peacemaker**, **Ray**, and **Uncle Marvel** (all appear next in issue #10)

**Brainiac 5** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes Annual* (third series) #1; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #16)

**Changeling**, **Kole**, and **Starfire** (all appear next in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13, page 22)

**Cinnamon**, **Firehair**, **Firestorm**, **Green Lantern** (John Stewart), and **Spectre** (all last seen in issue #5)

**Deadman** (last seen in issue #5; appears next in issue #11)

**Firebrand I** (last seen in *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2, in a story originally scheduled to appear in the never-published *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #17 and recapped on the text page of *DC Comics Presents* #62; revealed as having been restored after having been turned to silver in that story; appears next in issue #9)

**Green Arrow of Earth-2** (last seen in issue #5; appearance here same as *Infinity, Inc.* #23, pages 1 and 2; appears next in issue #10)

**Huntress** (last seen in issue #5; appearance here same as *Infinity, Inc.* #24, pages 1 and 2; appears next in issue #9)

**Jade** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #23; appears next in issue #9)

**Lori Lemaris** and **Thunderbolt of Earth-4** (both appear next in issue #10)

**Liberty Belle** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #53; page 23; appearance here same as *Infinity, Inc.* #23, pages 1 and 2; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #57)

**Martian Manhunter**, **Question**, and **Sea Devils**

**Metamorpho** and **Superman of Earth-2** (both last seen

in issue #5; all appear next in issue #9)

**Mon-El** (in between *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #15 and 16)

**Phantom Stranger** (last seen in issue #5; appears next in issue #10)

**Power Girl** (appearance here same as *Infinity, Inc.* #24, pages 1 and 2; appears next in issue #9)

**Star-Spangled Kid** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #24; appears next in issue #9)

**Supergirl** (dies in this story)

**Superman** (last seen in *Superman* #413; appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #87)

**Rittmeister Hans von Hammer** (Enemy Ace; last seen in *Swamp Thing* #46)

**Wildfire** (in between *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #15 and 18)

**Wonder Woman** (appears next in *Wonder Woman* #329)

### Supporting Characters

**Dr. Light II** (appears next in issue #10)

**Lady Quark** (last seen in issue #5; appears next in issue #9)

### Villains

**Anti-Monitor** (also appears in flashback, which is his earliest chronological appearance; origin revealed)

**Brainiac** (appears next in issue #9)

**Controllers** (earliest chronological appearance; appear only in flashback; origin revealed)

**Dr. Sivana** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents Annual* #3; appears next in issue #9)

**Ibac** (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #492; name misspelled "Ibbac" in this story; appears next in issue #9)

**Psycho-Pirate II**

### Guest Appearances

**Fireman Fred Farrell** (last seen in *Showcase* #100)

**Lois Lane** and **Jimmy Olsen** (both in between *Superman* #413 and 414)

**Lana Lang** (last seen in *Superman* #413; appears next in issue #9)

**Tawky Tawny** (last seen in the Shazam! story in *World's Finest Comics* #259; appears next in issue #10)

**Perry White** (last seen in *Superman* #413; appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #88)

### Other Characters

**Sondra** (a female scientist; Pariah's former assistant) and **other inhabitants of Pariah's unnamed parallel Earth** (first appearance of all; all die in flashback in this story)

### Cameo Appearances

**Batman of Earth-2, Crimson Avenger,** and **Negative Man** (as images on viewscreens)

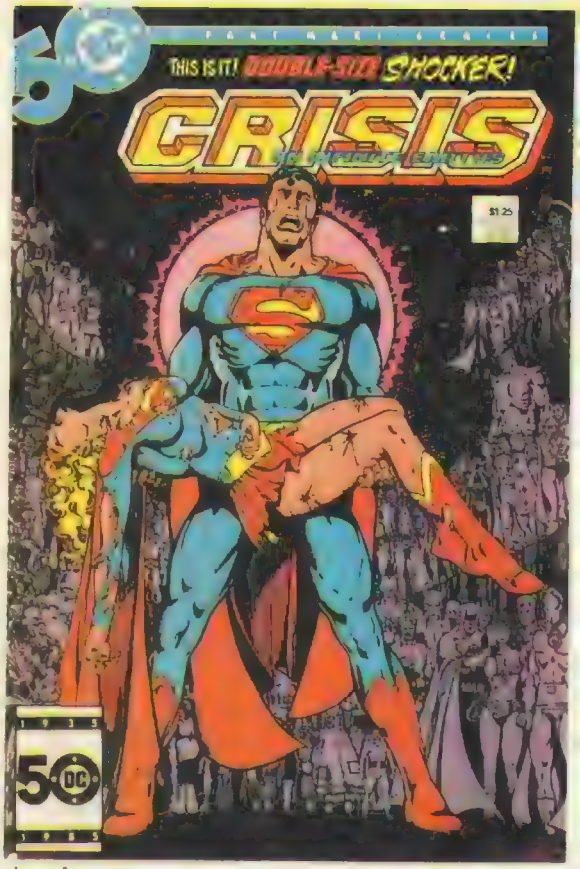
**Cosmic Hand, Green Lantern Corps, Guardians of the Universe, Krona, Manhunter Corps, Oans, Qwardians, Shadow demons, Thunderers** (all in flashbacks)

### Comment

The origin of the Anti-Matter Universe as presented in this story is at variance with the one presented in *Showcase* #61. In that story, the Spectre witnessed Creation and saw that the negative-matter universe was born as an equal and opposite reaction to the positive-matter creation, and was ruled by the demon Shathan. It is possible that the Monitor's information, or Lyla's recounting of it, was flawed, or incomplete, and/or that the negative-universe of Shathan was an alternate dimension and not the same as the anti-matter universe of Qward.

### Synopsis

Overlooking the universes of the five Earths on a floating asteroid, Alex and Lyla are joined by Pariah, who asks what part the Monitor could have intended him to play in the Crisis. Lyla responds that she has been told the Monitor's plan and knows what part he'll play in the conclusion,




but the representatives of six Earths must also know of these plans. Pariah obliges her by taking them to the merged Earths.

On Earth-S, where everyone has been freed of Psycho-Pirate's spell, Sivana and Ibac are about to be captured by Captain Marvel when, suddenly, they fade from the Earth-S plane. Captain Marvel Jr., Tawky Tawny, Changeling, Wonder Woman, and Supergirl arrive seconds later. In space, Brainiac has drawn Sivana and Ibac to his satellite and greets them as the latest members of a select group who will soon rule the universe.

Captain Marvel and the other-Earth heroes and heroines note that the wall of anti-matter has vanished. Lyla appears nearby, explains the machinations of the Psycho-Pirate, and enlists Captain Marvel as representative of Earth-S, to hear the story behind the Crisis.

On Earth-2, Yolanda Montez, the new Wildcat, stands unseen above Green Arrow, the Atom, and Liberty Belle, when she overhears Atom declare that there will never be another Wildcat. Yolanda realizes that she must prove herself worthy of the name before revealing her new identity.

On Earth-4, Pariah contacts its heroes and their former opponents from Earths 1 and 2. Blue Beetle will represent his Earth, to hear Pariah and Lyla's stories.

On Earth-X, the Freedom Fighters pledge to Starfire to help all they can. All five Earths are still slowly merging, however, and time still runs riot on all of them.

Finally, Lyla, Alex, and Pariah stand on the asteroid, with Lady Quark, Superman of Earth-1, Uncle Sam, Captain Marvel, Superman of Earth-2, and the Blue Beetle. The heroes want to battle, but Alex and Lyla tell them that they must know exactly what they are fighting.

Now, Lyla begins her story at the beginning—ten billion years ago when Earth was little more than cooling gases, the inhabitants of Oa, at the center of the universe, were immortal and had the powers of the legendary gods. They

always strove for continued advancement, but their science became perverted, for one of them, Krona, swore to discover the secret of the universe's creation. Others warned him away, vowing that legends told of destruction to come to any who plumbed the mysteries of Creation. Krona called them fools, and continued his studies. He built a time-viewer in which he observed a cosmic Hand holding the galaxies in its palm. An instant later, a bolt of energy blasted the viewscreen and his laboratory to bits. Had Krona been mortal, he too would have perished, but that would have been far better than what actually occurred.

At that point, according to Lyla, the Anti-Matter Universe was formed, and the single Universe split many times into a Multiverse. All planets of the cosmos were duplicated in every universe, save for one—Oa. Oa's sole twin was in the anti-matter universe. Its name was Qward.

For his cosmic crime, Krona was converted to insensible, disembodied energy, and sentenced to circle the universe forevermore. Twice he managed to assume human form again; twice again he was defeated. The Oans, feeling responsible for Krona's actions, were consumed by guilt. They had created Evil, so they must form a force to constrain it. Their first attempt to do so was the construction of Manhunter robots, which later proved defective. Their second, and better, solution was the creation of the Green Lantern Corps. Still, there were dissenters among the Oans who maintained that evil must be destroyed, not contained. These dissidents broke away from the Guardians, and evolved into the Controller race, which would one day encounter the Legion of Super-Heroes.

Oa and Qward had one moon each. On the moon of Qward, the Anti-Monitor broke the surface and came to life, repository of the power of a cosmos, and on the moon of Oa, the Monitor burst from a crater, symbol of the power of the positive universe.

The Anti-Monitor quickly conquered the world of Qward and created the lightning warriors known as the Thunderers. The Thunderer elite he converted into his shadow-demon warriors, and with them he spread a reign of terror throughout the anti-universe. He hungered for more worlds to conquer, but did not know anything existed but the universe of Qward.

At this point, the Anti-Monitor sensed the presence of the Monitor, who had spent his existence in meditation and study. The Monitor found his evil twin as well, and the two locked in combat for a million years. They were equal in power, so neither could win, but finally, both struck simultaneously and rendered each other unconscious for nine billion years.

Pariah now takes up the tale, explaining that he himself came from an Earth alien to them all, on which he was the greatest scientist, responsible for weather control and the destruction of disease. He soon discovered the existence of the Multiverse, and used that knowledge to learn the origin of the universe, despite the legends common to all planes that such knowledge would lead to destruction. He observed the creation while protected in an anti-matter chamber, but in so doing, he fulfilled the legend. A chain reaction of anti-matter destroyed his Earth, and then his universe.

That cataclysm awoke the Anti-Monitor. The anti-matter universe expanded to fill the void left by the death of Pariah's universe, and he fed on its power. He realized that by destroying every positive-matter universe, he would gain all power in the cosmos.

However, Lyla interrupts, the cataclysm also woke the Monitor, who vowed to fight back and protect the Multiverse. He viewed Pariah in an energy-globe, learned what had happened, and deduced how the last survivor could be used to protect those who would stand at the end.

For mobility, the Monitor created his satellite-ship. He realized Pariah could sense where disaster impended, and gave him the power to be drawn into other universes endangered by the anti-matter. But the death of each succeeding cosmos weakened him and strengthened his enemy.

Then, the Monitor scoured all Earths to find heroes to act as soldiers in the Crisis, and so found her, a child adrift at sea, clinging to the remains of a sunken ship. He rescued her, raised her. . . and, she says, he was repaid with death. Superman of Earth-2 comforts her, saying they understand that she was being controlled, then asks Alex to tell his story.

Before Alex can reply, Lady Quark must be restrained from killing Pariah. He is responsible for the force which destroyed her universe and family, she says. Uncle Sam demands she stop, saying that Pariah has suffered enough, and that they must now band together to save the worlds which remain.

The five Earths continue to merge, and all the heroes on them fear for their friends and allies who have joined the Monitor's aides in the war on the Anti-Monitor. Indeed, the Spectre maintains, not even his power would be effective in the anti-matter universe, but other heroes have been chosen: Mon-El, the Supermen of Earth-1 and Earth-2, Lady Quark, Captain Atom, Jade, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Wonder Woman, Captain Marvel, the Ray, J'onn J'onzz, Wildfire, Firestorm, Dr. Light, and Supergirl.

Alex reveals his secret power: being composed of both positive and negative matter, he can open a portal between their multiverse and the anti-matter universe. Pariah can then guide them to their enemy. Alex then tears open a space-warp and admits the heroes and heroines into the universe of Qward.

Finally, the heroes arrive at the bizarre fortress of the Anti-Monitor. They have been watched by their foe, who orders the Psycho-Pirate to make them emotionally controlled slaves. The Pirate, fearfully, tells his master that controlling the three Earths has exhausted his power, and he must recharge. The Anti-Monitor angrily knocks him down, and prepares to take charge personally.

In the fortress, the heroes search for their enemy. Abruptly, Pariah is gripped by a stony hand—the fortress wall, itself—but he is invulnerable to harm. However, Superman of Earth-2, is knocked reeling by another such hand. Monsters materialize from the walls and begin fighting the Monitor's warriors. The heroes can barely hold a stalemate, for these monsters, once smashed, can reform in seconds.

Superman is in the forefront, searching for the Anti-Monitor while the others hold off the monsters. Pariah leads the way, with Dr. Light by his side. Suddenly, a thrusting trunk of stone seemingly obliterates Pariah. Dr. Light vows that the Anti-Monitor will pay for that death and blazes off. Superman catches up with her near a huge machine, which she identifies as a solar collector the villain is using to reduce the vibrational frequencies of the Earths, and thus merge and annihilate them. Superman vows to destroy it.

Then Anti-Monitor strikes Superman, and his cry of pain is heard by Supergirl, who heads to her cousin's side. Dr. Light attacks the enemy, but is rebuffed. He continues pounding the near-helpless Man of Steel. Racing to the scene, Supergirl passes Pariah, digging himself out of the rubble. The Anti-Monitor is about to kill Superman with an energy blast when Supergirl crashes into the villain with all her might. She delivers blow after blow, screaming, while Dr. Light looks on, inspired by her courage and selflessness.

But the villain is too powerful. He knocks Supergirl back with a mighty smash, repulses her with a power-blast, and announces that he will kill Superman, and then her.

Bleeding, she shouts that he will never kill Superman, and rips the floor from underneath him, causing his blast to miss her cousin. Then she pounds the enemy again and again, as the villain screams that she is destroying his life-shell. Dr. Light, watching, realizes the selfishness of her own life compared to Supergirl's, and announces that the

Girl of Steel has shown her the true path. Superman, groggily, calls for his cousin.

The battered Anti-Monitor smashes Supergirl away again. His body has been almost totally destroyed by her pulverizing blows, and his energy is now waning. Supergirl goes to her cousin's side, and takes him to Dr. Light, telling her to take him to the others after she makes her move. Turning, she rockets into the Anti-Monitor, and sends them both into the massive vibration-reducing machine, turning it into scrap. She smashes at her foe's prostrate body, screaming that his scheme is over at last. Dr. Light is horrified by the combat, and calls for Supergirl to offer help. When Kara turns to reply, the Anti-Monitor grabs her with both hands and sends a titanic energy burst through her body.

As Superman screams her name, Supergirl falls.

The Anti-Monitor, his body in ruins, shambles off to a portion of his fortress which is used as a spacecraft, and escapes. He needs time to heal, but he swears to stand triumphant "at the dawn of time."

With his departure, the fortress begins to fall apart. Green Lantern of Earth-2 contacts the other heroes. Wildfire reports that they have destroyed the merging-machine, but they've also had a casualty.

Superman, holding his still-conscious cousin, begs her to live. Bleeding from many wounds, Kara tries to console him. He tells her that she ruined the villain's machine, and she gives thanks that she has given the Earths a chance to live. She asks him not to cry, tells him she loves him, and dies in his arms. Superman screams in anguish. He cries out for vengeance, but Superman of Earth-2 restrains him, telling him that Kara's sacrifice has given them a chance to save the five Earths, and his lust for revenge might endanger that chance. With the fortress coming apart, the heroes must leave. Superman takes Supergirl's body and follows his friends. Now empty, the fortress disintegrates.

For the most part, the five Earths are for now out of danger. The time distortion has ceased, and the Earths remain linked, if not fully merged.

Soon afterward, the worlds receive the news of Supergirl's death and a memorial service is held in Chicago. Thousands of people, including many super-heroes, and a grieving Brainiac 5, attend. Batgirl makes the opening address, praising her friend, while Lois Lane oversees the broadcast.

Later, Superman leaves his Fortress of Solitude with the body of Supergirl, wrapped in her indestructible cape, and sets her free in space, promising to remember and miss her forever.

In Memoriam
Supergirl
(1959–1985)

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #8
**November 1985**

### Cover Description

Flash, Psycho-Pirate II, Anti-Monitor

### Cover Credits

Artist: George Perez (Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

### STORY

"A Flash of the Lightning!" (25 Pages)

### Credits

Editor, co-plotter, scripter: Marv Wolfman
Consulting editor: Len Wein
Associate editor: Robert Greenberger
Co-plotter, penciler: George Perez
Inker: Jerry Ordway
Letterer: John Costanza
Colorist: Anthony Tollin

### Guest Stars

**Arisia, Ch'p, Xax,** and several other **unidentified members of the Green Lantern Corps** (all last seen in issue #5; all appear next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #198)

**Atom** and **Firehawk** (both last seen in issue #5)

**Blok, Brainiac 5, Dawnstar, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Lightning Lass, Mon-El, Shadow Lass, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Ultra Boy, White Witch,** and **Wildfire** (all last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18; all appear next in issue #10)

**Blue Devil** (last seen in *Blue Devil* #17, page 22; appearance here same as *Blue Devil* #17, page 23; appears next in *Blue Devil* #18)

**Challengers of the Unknown** (last seen in issue #5; appear next in issue #11)

**Chameleon Boy** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #17; appears next in issue #10)

**Colossal Boy, Lightning Lad, Phantom Girl, Saturn Girl,** and **Shrinking Violet** (all last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #16; all appear next in issue #10)

**Cyborg** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14)

**Doc, Rynoc, Shlagen,** and **Zirral** (all last seen in *Omega Men* #31; all appear next in *Blue Devil* #18)

**Firestorm** and **Martian Manhunter** (both appear next in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

**Flash** (last chronological appearance in issue #6; dies in this story; just before his death, Flash hurtles backward through time, accounting for his cameo appearances in issues #12 and 2)

**Green Lantern** (John Stewart; appearance here same as *Blue Devil* #17, page 23; appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #196)

**Guardians of the Universe** (last seen in issue #5; appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #195, page 21)

**Proty II** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #16)

**Red Tornado** (last seen in issue #5; appears next in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

**Spectre** (appears next in issue #10)

**Tomar-Re** (last seen in issue #5; appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #197)

**Vixen** (last seen in *Justice League of America* #244; appears next in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

### Villains

**Anti-Monitor** (appears next in issue #10)

**Darkseid** and **Desaad** (see Comment below; both appear next in issue #12)

**T.O. Morrow** (last seen in *Red Tornado* #4)

**Psycho-Pirate II** (appears next in issue #12)

**Thunderers** (in between *Green Lantern* (second series) #150 and 198)

### Cameo Appearances

**Batman** and **Joker** (both in flashback to issue #2) and **Kid Flash** (in flashforward to issue #12; all as seen by Flash as he hurtles backward through time)

### Comment

It is not currently possible to determine the precise chronology of Darkseid and Desaad. Their appearance here apparently predates their appearance in *DC Graphic Novel* #5 *(The Hunger Dogs)*, in which Darkseid is deposed as ruler of Apokolips. That story, however, leads directly into the events of *Super Powers II*, a series which is outside official DC continuity, and so *Graphic Novel* #5 may likewise happen outside official DC continuity. In addition, Darkseid has several times encountered the Legion of Super-Heroes in the thirtieth century, but it has not yet been revealed whether Darkseid has time-traveled to the Legion's era or whether, being extremely long-lived, he

still survives into the thirtieth century.

**Synopsis**

In the Anti-Monitor's ship, the Psycho-Pirate is babbling in fear to the Flash, who is imprisoned in a gelatin-like substance. The Pirate prates on of how the enemy will kill him, now that he has failed him. He asks the Flash to join him against the enemy, when, suddenly, the Anti-Monitor appears. He has fashioned himself a new body and new armor, Supergirl having nearly destroyed him. Now they will shift their base to Qward, he says, and from there they will annihilate the five remaining Earths. The villain tells the Pirate that he won't die—yet—as his powers may still be useful and there is no time to create another like him.

On Apokolips, Desaad asks Darksied what can be done to stop the Anti-Monitor, and he replies that all of Apokolips' energy has been diverted to cloak them from the enemy. They will wait, until after the battle. Should the heroes win, nothing will have been changed. Should the foe win, he will have been weakened enough to be killed.

On Oa, several Green Lanterns have been killed by the power outburst, while the Guardians have been freed. A female Green Lantern asks why they weren't called in to fight the unknown menace. The Guardians reply that their rings will now work, and that they knew a disturbance in the universe existed, but not its extent. The Lanterns reply that their demand for an investigation was refused, and one of the Guardians calls a halt to the questioning. Their policy was decided by majority vote. The others must abide by the decision. The other Oan replies that they may not.

On Earth-1, in the thirtieth century, some Legionnaires are monitoring the five Earths. They note that the merging of Earths has stopped for the moment. When the White Witch reminds them that the victory was won at the cost of Supergirl's life, Brainiac 5 tensely tells them that the time differential is still in operation where the Earths overlap, and he must find a way to repair the damage.

In 1985 Pittsburg, Firehawk locates Firestorm, who recieves a radio message from the Vixen. She is taking T. O. Morrow, creator of the Red Tornado, to the JLA satellite to work on their fallen android comrade. Firehawk and Firestorm join her. In the satellite, they find Vixen, T. O. Morrow, J'onn J'onzz, Cyborg, and the Atom examining Tornado. The Atom has shrunk himself via Superman's reducing ray, and is transmitting pictures from the android's interior. Tornado's construction proves beyond his scientific expertise, and Morrow is stunned to find that the android no longer has the insides that he had designed. Professor Stein, Firestorm's other half, notes that the construction is so unearthly it may be impossible to save him.

Meanwhile, the Green Lantern of Earth-1, has gone to Los Angeles in search of the Blue Devil to help examine the android. Transported to the satellite, Blue Devil observes Morrow removing the Tornado's head, and tries to warn the scientist of a strange glow coming from the android's internal components, but he is disregarded. The Atom jumps out of the Tornado's chest plate. Now, Morrow and the heroes are forced back by an explosion from the android's body, and fire spreads throughout the satellite. While pursuing Morrow, the Blue Devil mistakenly runs into a space warp, sending him tumbling through sub-space.

Green Lantern, Cyborg, Firestorm, Firehawk, J'onn J'onzz, and Vixen assemble, and find that Morrow and the Blue Devil have vanished, so they leave the satellite.

Blue Devil has emerged on the bridge of one of Omega Men's spaceships, where he confronts Shlagen, Zirral, Rynoc, and Doc, leaving both sides dumbfounded. But the space warp they have fallen into is causing their ship to disintegrate. Soon, Blue Devil and the four aliens are left clinging to debris, seconds away from certain death.

On Qward, the Anti-Monitor is busy supervising the reconstruction of his anti-matter cannon, with which he hopes to obliterate the remaining Earths. The laborers who work on the cannon are supervised by the Thunderers, who reward any slacking off with death.

In another passageway, Psycho-Pirate looks in on the still-imprisoned Flash, guarded by a Thunderer, and intends to torture the speedster some more. But the Flash whirls his body at blinding speed, spinning the gelatin away from him. Free, he belts the Pirate and knocks the Thunderer out. He smashes the Pirate with another blow, getting revenge for weeks of humiliation. He was once convicted of a murder he never committed; what difference would it make if he killed now?

The Pirate, his face swollen and bleeding, begs for mercy, telling the hero that he'll do anything he wants. Soon, the Flash speeds his pawn from one Thunderer to another, causing them to feel intense hatred for their master. Shortly, all the Thunderers rage, "Death to the Monitor!" and blast him with their bolts. Even he cannot stave off the effects, and screams in pain and rage.

Meanwhile, the Flash has forced the Pirate to show him the anti-matter cannon. He knocks the villain out and, vibrating through the weapon's casing, discovers a seething ball of anti-matter energy, kept in stasis by bands of force. The presence of this energy already weakens him, and he knows he can only destroy the weapon at the cost of his own life. Flash begins running around the anti-matter sphere at hyper-light speed. The effect is very painful, but he continues to force the energy back into the machine. His mind races: he remembers his family, his wife, his closest friends, and begs their forgiveness for leaving them in this manner.

While the Flash is straining against the anti-matter, the Anti-Monitor, still beset by the Thunderers, knows that his weapon is being tampered with, and lets loose a bolt of power that destroys his Thunderers, and leaves the surroundings a flaming ruin. Standing in the blaze, he knows

that the Flash is responsible for this.

Within the cannon, the hero continues his fateful run, feeling the time-stream open around him. In this open time-portal, he sees Kid Flash, the Joker, and Batman. While his flesh ages and melts away, he shouts words of warning to them. Finally, he is reduced to a skeleton, just as the cannon explodes into a million pieces. Louder still is the scream of the Anti-Monitor, too late to save his weapon.

The Flash has died, and saved five universes.

Only his costume and his ring remain, lying in the wreckage.

The Anti-Monitor stands in contemplation. The humans have thwarted him twice now in his attempt to eradicate the final five universes, so they shall pay for their interference. So saying, he absorbs into himself the energy of his entire Anti-Matter Universe, condemning to death the inhabitants of a million worlds.

On Earth-1, in Challenger Mountain, the Challengers of the Unknown are watching conditions in space. Prof and Red note a giant flux of energy, while June Robbins reports that the sub-space readings given to them by Superman for checking all result positive. Rocky asks what's going on, and Ace replies that nobody knows. Suddenly, Prof is nearly deafened by a sound in his headphones like "an agonizing scream permeating the entire universe." The other four Challengers hear it next, and are driven to their knees by its force.

The scream comes from the Spectre, who stands like a cosmic colossus over the five worlds, sensing a move to change the very nature of reality, but helpless to do anything about it.

In Memoriam
The Flash
(1956–1985)

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #9
**December 1985**

### Cover Description

**Dr. Polaris, Killer Frost II, Blackstarr, Shadow Thief, Predator, Gorilla Grodd, Dr. Sivana, Gizmo, Shrike, Star Sapphire, Mirror Master, Starro, Validus, Per Degaton, Clock King, Psimon, Lady Lunar, Deathstroke the Terminator, Cheetah of Earth-2, Brainiac, Bolt, Tsunami, Kobra, Penguin, Lex Luthor, Trickster, Captain Nazi, Shakedown, Poison Ivy, Black Adam, Circe, Solomon Grundy, Banshee, Silver Swan, Blockbuster, Copperhead, Plasmus, Dr. Double-X, Lightning Lord, Hyena, Sinestro, Jewelee, Eclipso, Joker, Punch, Chemo, Captain Cold, Silver Ghost, Zazzala the Queen Bee, Black Mass**

### Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Typographical**

### STORY

"War Zone" (25 Pages)

### Credits

Editor, co-plotter, scripter: **Marv Wolfman**
Consulting editor: **Len Wein**
Associate editor: **Robert Greenberger**
Co-plotter, penciler: **George Perez**
Inkers: **Jerry Ordway** and **Mike Machlan** (pages 24 and 25 only)
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorists: **Anthony Tollin** and **Adrienne Roy** and **Robert Greenberger**

### Feature Characters

**Harbinger, Alex Luthor,** and **Pariah** (all last seen in issue #7)

### Guest Stars

**Aquagirl, Aqualad, Atom of Earth-2, Blue Beetle** (behind the scenes; ship only seen), **Captain Atom, Firebrand I, Flash of Earth-2, Green Arrow of Earth-2, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Human Bomb, Huntress, Jade, Katana, Metamorpho, Nightshade, Phantom Lady, Power Girl, Star-Spangled Kid, Superman of Earth-2, Uncle Sam,** and **Wildcat II** (all last seen in issue #7)

**Aquaman** and **Mera** (both last seen in *Justice League of America* #243)

**Atom**

**Batman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Firestorm, Gypsy, Martian Manhunter,** and **Zatanna** (all last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

**Black Condor** (last seen in issue #6; appears next in issue #12)

**Bonnie** and **Corky Baxter, Celsius, Dr. Fate, Dove, Fury, Halo, Hawkman, Hourman, Rip Hunter, Metal Men, Nuklon, Robin, Robotman, Sargon the Sorcerer, Silver Scarab, Thunderbolt of Earth-2,** and **Wonder Woman of Earth-2** (all last seen in issue #5)

**Changeling** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14, page 7; in between pages 8 and 15 of this story, Changeling accompanies three other Teen Titans on the search for Mento in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14, pages 10–21)

**Creeper** and **Superman** (both last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #88)

**Cyborg** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14, page 7; in between pages 8 and 15 of this story, Cyborg accompanies three other Teen Titans on the search for Mento in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14, pages 9–21)

**Dr. Mid-Nite** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #23)

**Doll Man** (last seen in issue #7; appears next in issue #12)

**Firehawk** (appears next in *The Fury of Firestorm* #42)

**Geo-Force** (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #3; appears next in issue #11)

**Green Arrow** (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #3; appears next in *Detective Comics* #559)

**Green Lantern** (Guy Gardner; in between *Green Lantern* (second series) #195 and 196)

**Guardians of the Universe** (six "renegade" Guardians last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #195, page 23, which immediately precedes page 1 of this story; five die in this story; the surviving Guardian appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #197)

**Shiera Hall** (last seen, as Hawkgirl of Earth-2, in issue #5)

**Harlequin of Earth-2** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #24; appears in two places at the same time in this story, thus indicating the presence of both the Harlequin of 1942, who was summoned with the Justice Society members, and the present-day Harlequin)

**Hawk** (last seen, as Hank Hall, in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #50; appears next in issue #12)

**Hawkman of Earth-2, Northwind,** and **Obsidian** (all last seen in issue #6)

**Jericho, Nightwing,** and **Starfire** (all in between *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14 and 15)

**Johnny Thunder of Earth-2** and **Red Star** (both last seen in issue #5; both appear next in issue #12)

**Darwin Jones** (last seen in the Lois Lane story in *The Daring New Adventures of Supergirl* #7)

**Kid Flash** (last seen in *The Flash* #349)

**Kole** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14, page 7; in between pages 8 and 15 of this story, Kole accompanies three of the Teen Titans on the search for Mento in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14, pages 13–21)

**Doc Magnus** (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #187)

**Mento** (last seen, as Steve Dayton, in *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #44; his sanity temporarily restored, and wearing his original costume)

**Negative Woman** and **Tempest** (both last seen in flash-

back to *The Daring New Adventures of Supergirl* #10)

**Sgt. Rock and Easy Company** (last seen in issue #5; appear next in *Sgt. Rock* #408)

**Steve Savage** (last seen in *Unknown Soldier* #264)

**Speedy** (last seen, as Roy Harper, in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #50)

**Starman of Earth-2** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21; appears next in issue #12)

**Steel** (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #3; appears next in *Justice League of America* #245)

**Jeb Stuart and the Haunted Tank crew** (last seen in issue #5; appear next in *G.I. Combat* #276)

**Vibe** (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #3; appears next in *Justice League of America* #246)

**Wonder Girl** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14, page 7; in between page 8 of this story and issue #10, Wonder Girl joins Firehawk in a search for her husband in *The Fury of Firestorm* #42, then accompanies three other Teen Titans on the search for Mento in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14, pages 9–21)

**Wonder Woman** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #329)

### Supporting Character

**Lady Quark** (last seen in issue #7)

### Villains

**Ace of Spades** (the robot leader of the second Royal Flush Gang; last seen in *Justice League of America* #205; rebuilt, probably by Hector Hammond, since that story)

**Banshee** (first appearance in a DC comic; last seen, in a different costume, in *Americomics Special* #1; reverts to his original costume as of this story)

**Black Adam** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #49)

**Black Manta, Lex Luthor, Per Degaton,** and **Star Sapphire** (all last seen in issue #6)

**Black Mass, Fastball,** and **Overmaster** (all last seen in *Justice League of America* #236)

**Black Spider** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #526; appears next in *Batman* #400)

**Blockbuster, Brain, Cheetah of Earth-2, Copperhead, Deathstroke the Terminator, Gizmo, Killer Frost II, Kung, M. Mallah, Mammoth, Mirror Master, Mist, Plasmus, Shimmer, Silver Swan, Sinestro, Samurai,** and **Warp** (all last seen in issue #5)

**Bolt** (last seen in *Blue Devil* #9)

**Brainiac** and **Dr. Sivana** (both last seen in issue #7)

**Bug-Eyed Bandit** (last seen in the Atom story in *World's Finest Comics* #260; appears next in issue #12)

**Bulldozer** (of the Gang; last seen in *The Daring New Adventures of Supergirl* #5)

**Captain Cold** (last seen in *Blue Devil* #19)

**Captain Nazi** (last seen in the Shazam! story in *World's Finest Comics* #267)

**Cat Man** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #538; appears next in *Batman* #400)

**Cheetah** and **Dr. Psycho** (both last seen in *Wonder Woman* #323)

**Chemo** (last seen in *Superman* #370)

**Cheshire** (last seen in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #52; appears next in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #20)

**Chronos** (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #321)

**Circe** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #314; appears next in issue #12)

**Clock King** (last seen in the Green Arrow story in *World's Finest Comics* #284)

**Cluemaster** (last seen in *Batman* #336)

**Coldsnap, Heatstroke, New Wave,** and **Shakedown** (all last seen in *Batman and the Outsiders* #10; all appear next in *Batman and the Outsiders Annual* #2)

**Cosmic King, Dr. Regulus, Lightning Lord,** and **Mano** (last chronological appearance of all in flashback in the second story in issue #10)

**Count Vertigo** (last seen in the Green Arrow story in *World's Finest Comics* #273)

**Crime Doctor** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #495; his mind restored as of this story)

**Dr. Double-X** (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #194)

**Dr. Phosphorus** (last seen in *Batman* #313)

**Dr. Polaris** (last seen in issue #5)

**Dr. Spectro** (first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Captain Atom* #81)

**Dragon King** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #4)

**Eclipso** (last seen in *Swamp Thing* #46)

**Eradicator** (last seen in *The Flash* #320; restored to life by unrevealed means as of this story)

**Evil Star** (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #159)

**Felix Faust** (last seen in *Blue Devil Annual* #1; appears next in issue #12)

**Fiddler** and **Icicle** (both last seen in *Justice League of America* #220)

**Floronic Man** (last seen in *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #30)

**Gambler** (last seen in *Justice League of America* #124)

**Golden Glider** (last seen in *The Flash* #303; appears next in *Blue Devil Annual* #2)

**Gorilla Grodd** (last seen in *The Flash* #331; appears next in *Blue Devil Annual* #2)

**Houngan** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* #31)

**Huntress** (villainess; thus designated in this index to avoid confusion with Helena Wayne, the other Huntress of Earth-2, who is a heroine; last seen in *All-Star Comics* #73)

**Hyena** (last seen in *The Fury of Firestorm* #12; appears next in *The Fury of Firestorm* #45)

**Ibac** and **T. O. Morrow**

**Image** (first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Captain Atom* #88)

**Jewelee** (first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Captain Atom* #89)

**Joker** (last seen in issue #2; appears next in *Batman* #400)

**Kanjar Ro** (last seen in *Showcase* #103)

**Killer Moth** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #526)

**Kobra** (last seen in *Batman and the Outsiders* #27; appears next in *Outsiders Annual* #1)

**Lady Lunar** (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #266)

**Lord of Time** (last seen in *Justice League of America* #199)

**Lord Shilling** (last seen in the Tomahawk story in *Unknown Soldier* #264)

**Alexei Luthor of Earth-2** (last seen in issue #5; dies in this story)

**Matter Master** (last seen in the Hawkman story in *World's Finest Comics* #275)

**Mr. Mind** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #34)

**Ocean Master** (last seen in issue #6; appears next in *Aquaman* (second series) #1)

**Penguin, Poison Ivy, and Riddler** (his trunks miscolored in this story; all last seen in issue #5; all appear next in *Batman* #400)

**Persuader and Validus** (last chronological appearance of both in the second story in issue #10, which appearance is the same as *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18)

**Pied Piper** (last seen in *The Flash* #350; miscolored as a black man in this story)

**Psimon** (last seen in issue #3)

**Punch** (first appearance in a DC comic; last seen in *Captain Atom* #85; partner of Jewelee; not to be confused with the villain in *Teen Titans* #19)

**Quakemaster and Silver Ghost** (both last seen in *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2, in a story originally scheduled to appear in the never-published *Secret Society of Super-Villains* #17 and recapped on the text page of *DC Comics Presents* #62; Silver Ghost revealed to have been restored after having been turned to silver in that story)

**Scarecrow** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #540; appears next in *Batman* #400)

**Shadow Thief** (last seen in the Hawkman story in *World's Finest Comics* #270)

**Shaggy Man** (last seen in *Justice League of America* #186; it is not certain whether this is Shaggy Man I, who was last seen imprisoned aboard the JLA satellite, or Shaggy Man II, who was last seen rocketing into space)

**Shark** (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #176; recreated in an altered form in this story; then apparently devolved again behind the scenes; appears next, recreated in his usual form, in *Green Lantern* (second series) #196)

**Solomon Grundy** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #23)

**Starro** (it is not certain whether this is the Starro last seen in *Justice League of America* #190 or his duplicate last seen in *Captain Carrot and His Amazing Zoo Crew* #1)

**Trickster** (last seen in *Blue Devil* #19; appears next in *Blue Devil Annual* #2)

**Vandal Savage** (last seen in *Action Comics* #556; this is Vandal Savage of the present day, not the Vandal Savage of the past seen in issue #4)

**Weather Wizard** (last seen in *The Flash* #350; appears next in *Blue Devil Annual* #2)

**Zazzala the Queen Bee** (last seen in *Action Comics* #562)

### Guest Appearances

**Bernie the Brain** (last seen in *Best of DC (Digest)* #41)

**Josh Coyle and Morgan Edge** (both last seen in *Superman* #413; see Comment for issue #12)

**Dale Gunn** (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #3)

**Captain Karras, First Officer Taryia, and the crew of the Xplor'rr** (in between *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14 and 15)

**Jenet Klyburn** (last seen in *Blue Devil* #17; appears next in *Booster Gold* #1)

**Lois Lane** (last seen in *Superman* #414; appears next in issue #11)

**Lana Lang** (last seen in issue #7; appears next in issue #12)

**Megan O'Dell** (last seen in *Blue Devil* #15)

**Bethany Snow** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13)

**Tawny Young** (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #190; appears next in issue #12)

### Other Characters

**United Nations delegates** (first and only appearance to date; Mr. Karmazov named in this story)

### Cameo Appearances

**Ambush Bug** (as a poster), **Frances Kane and the Flash** (in portraits in Wally West's room), and **Sugar Plumm and Spike Wilson** (as portraits in Bernie the Brain's room)

### Synopsis

On the planet Oa, Guy Gardner, wearing a customized uniform, and former substitute Green Lantern of Earth, stands before six Guardians who had voted against the majority decision of their fellows. They have split their ranks due to differences in dealing with evil. Their brothers prefer to correct evils after the fact, but they wish to search evil out before it can happen. They offer Gardner a position as their Green Lantern, the first of a new corps. He agrees.

Seconds later, a cosmic storm created by the anti-matter kills five of the Guardians in an instant, while Gardner is protected by his ring's aura. He swears his oath of allegiance and flies into space, as the last Guardian watches.

In space near Earth-2, Brainiac's spacecraft is crowded with practically every super-villain from Earths 1, 2, 4, S, and X. Their latest recruit, T. O. Morrow, materializes, having been teleported from the JLA satellite. Now, Brainiac reveals, the Anti-Monitor can no longer be detected in the positive or negative matter universes. All five Earths are in chaos due to the crisis. It is time for them to strike and seize power. Luthor will serve as field commander, but Luthor of Earth-2 disagrees, insisting that he is more able than his counterpart. Brainiac kills Luthor with a force bolt, saying that two Luthors are superfluous. The other villains are quelled by this demonstration of power.

In another segment of space near Earth-1, a spacecraft from Tamaran awaits the arrival of Princess Koriand'r, aka Starfire. Captain Karras discusses with his aide Taryia the proceedings of having to take her back to her homeworld on a royal mission, the nature of which she must not learn until the time is ripe. The Tamaranians beam up Nightwing, Starfire, and Jericho. When Starfire introduces Nightwing as her lover, Taryia insists that she be told, but Karras refuses. Jericho overhears, but decides not to tell Nightwing.

On Earth-1, the remaining Teen Titans and Firehawk are gathered in Manhattan, a "warp zone" area which has been merged with other Earths and in which time still runs riot. Scientists Rip Hunter, Jenet Klyburn, Will Magnus, and Darwin Jones are being interviewed on TV about the time displacement, but cannot offer any advice. Wonder Girl decides to single-handedly search the cordoned-off area for her husband, Terry Long, who has been lost there, and Firehawk decides to join her in the search.

At Galaxy Communications, TV news anchorman Clark Kent stiffly reports that Alexander Luthor of Earth-3 will be addressing a special assembly of the leaders of five Earths at the United Nations in a few hours. Clark's colleagues comment on how cold he has seemed since he heard of Supergirl's death.

On Earth-1, during World War II, Sgt. Rock, Lt. Jeb Stuart, and the Haunted Tank crewmen ponder over what they have recently seen: the deaths of the Losers, costumed super-heroes fighting shadowy demons, and a giant machine many stories high appearing out of nowhere. Suddenly, the men notice a strange crimson spiral in the sky that lasts a few seconds, and disappears. They are baffled, but hope the disturbance will never return.

Across five Earths, the same crimson spiral of energy is

seen, extending back through time.

On Earths 4, X, and S, the army of super-villains has gained complete control. The few super-heroes left to resist them have been overcome. Guardians like Captain Atom and Nightshade are carted off senseless, and the Blue Beetle's flying bug lies in flaming ruins near the Statue of Liberty.

At Earth-1's United Nations, Alexander Luthor, accompanied by Lyla and Pariah, tells the delegates the facts behind the Crisis, and explains that the anti-matter universe has seemingly vanished. Lyla tells the audience that she has given the Secretary-General the Monitor's files, to be shared by the Earths that survive. Pariah confirms that although the Earth-linkage is a problem, it is not dangerous. In point of fact, since he remains among them, the danger has probably subsided.

When Pariah opens the floor for questions, a delegate states that he bears no proof of his assertions. Furthermore, many of them suspect that an inter-Earth invasion will take place soon. The nations of their own world have difficulty getting along together; why should the nations of five Earths be any more tractable? While the man speaks, Pariah exclaims with fear that he is vanishing again. The threat of destruction isn't over yet.

In Pariah's place comes the image of Brainiac, projected above the delegates' heads. He explains his dominance over all super-villains, and declares that he has now taken control of Earths 4, S, and X. His ally will explain their demands for control over Earth-1 and 2. His image is replaced by a hologram of Lex Luthor, who demands that the nations of the two free Earths surrender at once, or they will unleash forces that will destroy their worlds. They have fifteen minutes to decide.

On Earth-1, in 1917, Lt. Steve Savage, the "Balloon Buster," sees a red spiral of energy in the sky, which fades quickly. He is baffled for a moment, then shrugs it off.

On Earth-2, in 1985, Superman and Power Girl futilely batter away at an invisible force-field separating their world from the three captive Earths. The magics of Dr. Fate, Johnny Thunder's Thunderbolt, and Sargon are useless, as are the efforts of Starman, Green Lantern, and Jade. The members of the Justice Society and Infinity, Inc., report a general failure to Superman of Earth-1, still at the U.N. A delegate complains to Alex about their poor showing, and he replies that they are now trying Lyla's alternate plan.

At home on Earth-1, Wally West is visited by the Earth-2 Flash and Lyla. He refuses to help them, saying that the crisis is over, and he has retired. Lyla responds that the Monitor had records of his "problem" and of his knowledge, which they need. Jay Garrick says that with the Earth-1 Flash gone, he is the only one they can turn to. He holds up Wally's ring, and asks if he will take it back.

Soon, an assembly of super-heroes from Earth-1 and Earth-2 converges on Chelsea in New York, where Wally and Jay have brought Barry Allen's Cosmic Treadmill. As the other heroes watch, Jay and Wally run on the treadmill at super-speed and open a rift in space. Alex, Lyla, and a group of scientists attempt in vain to track the Flashes' progress, as the two speedsters break through Brainiac's barrier.

Brainiac reports to Luthor that he had anticipated this action. The living computer calculates 60% losses for their side, but 80% for the heroes. Luthor replies that he doesn't care how many die. If the villains win, he and Brainiac will be in charge; if the heroes win, they won't be in any shape to take on the two of them. Should worst come to worst, they can destroy the Earths, while remaining safe in the ship. Neither Luthor nor Brainiac is aware of someone watching them from the shadows.

On Earth-4, the battle is joined. Heroes from Earth-1 and Earth-2 attack the Riddler, the Masters of Disaster, Gorilla Grodd, Cat Man, Evil Star, Dragon King, Trickster, Lady Lunar, and Shaggy Man. Near Liberty Island, however, Chemo breathes into the sea a concoction of toxic chemicals. Below, Aqualad, battling Black Manta and Shark, sees Aquagirl knocked out by the poisons.

On Earth-S, more heroes battle. The Justice League and the Metal Men fight nemeses such as Validus, Sinestro, Punch and Jewelee, Plasmus, Warp, Ibac, Mano, Queen Bee, Eclipso, Captain Cold, and Starro. Warp displaces Steel from 1985 to a far-future era. Despite the best efforts of the heroes, the villains have the edge in battle. Captain Cold reports a victory to Brainiac and Luthor.

On Earth-X, the Floronic Man, with his partners Poison Ivy, and Silver Ghost, Mr. Mind, and the Joker, has taken the Freedom Fighters prisoner in constricting plant vines, when the Justice Society, Infinity, Inc., and the Outsiders invade. The Earth-1 and Earth-2 heroes attack Captain Nazi, Cheshire, and Blockbuster, but Hawkman of Earth-2 is helpless in the burning grip of Dr. Phosphorus.

Brainiac and Luthor watch the battles progressing on the three Earths, and Luthor calculates that their forces are divided rather evenly. If their side can't win, he hopes that they will kill each other off; then the two of them will combine to kill Superman.

Suddenly, Luthor realizes that Brainiac isn't responding. Sparks emerge from the robot's body, and seconds later, it explodes. Luthor is dazed by this blast, then sifts through the debris, wondering who is repsonsible. At that, Psimon steps into the light, admitting to destroying Brainiac, and intending to kill Luthor as well.

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #10
### January 1986

#### Cover Description

**Starro, Plasmus, Space Ranger, Vixen, Blue Devil, Vibe, Superman of Earth-2, Element Lad, Batman, Red Star, Uncle Sam, Lyla, Power Girl, Dr. Fate, Gypsy, Kanjar Ro, Cyborg, Flash of Earth-2, Superboy of Earth-Prime, Blue Beetle, Dr. Light II, Human Bomb, Adam Strange, Dolphin, Jemm, Black Lightning, Phantom Lady, Aquaman, Superman, Phantom Stranger, Robin of Earth-2, Alex Luthor, Wonder Woman of Earth-2, Kole, Captain Atom, Lady Quark, Silver Scarab, Robotman II, Saturn Girl, Lex Luthor, Rip Hunter** (miscolored as Brainiac 5), **Captain Marvel, Eclipso, Celsius, Wonder Woman, Black Adam, Thunderbolt of Earth-2, Mirror Master, Lord of Time, Halo, Captain Comet, Ultra Boy, Black Manta, Starman, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Anti-Monitor, Spectre, Pariah**

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#### FIRST STORY

"Death at the Dawn of Time!" (26 Pages)

#### Credits

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#### Feature Characters

**Alex Luthor** and **Pariah**

#### Guest Stars

**Adam Strange, Anthro, Captain Comet, Jemm,** and **Jeff Smith** (all last seen in issue #5)

**Animal Man, Chris KL-99, Jero,** and **Halk** (all last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #78)

**Aquagirl** (dies in this story)

**Aqualad, Captain Atom, Dove, Firestorm, Green Arrow of Earth-2, Halo, Hawkman, Human Bomb, Martian Manhunter, Mera, Metamorpho, Negative Woman, Sargon the Sorcerer, Tempest,** and **Thunderbolt of Earth-2** (all appear next in issue #12)

**Aquaman, Atom, Batman, Bonnie** and **Corky Baxter, Celsius, Changeling, Creeper, Cyborg, Dr. Fate, Elongated Man, Flash of Earth-2, Fury, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Harlequin of Earth-2, Rip Hunter, Huntress, Jade, Kid Flash, Kole, Lori Lemaris, Doc Magnus, Metal Men** (except Mercury), **Obsidian, Phantom Lady, Power Girl, Robin, Robotman, Star-Spangled Kid, Superman, Superman of Earth-2, Thunderbolt of Earth-4, Uncle Sam, Wildcat II, Wonder Woman, Wonder Woman of Earth-2,** and **Zatanna**

**Atom of Earth-2, Dr. Mid-Nite, Hourman, Nuklon,** and **Silver Scarab** (all appear next in *Infinity, Inc.* #25)

**Atomic Knight** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #325)

**Black Canary** (appears next in *Detective Comics* #559)

**Black Lightning** and **Vixen** (both last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #3; both appear next in issue #12)

**Blok, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Dawnstar, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Lightning Lass, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Ultra Boy, White Witch,** and **Wildfire** (all last seen in issue #8; all appear next in the first story in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #19)

**Blue Beetle, Captain Marvel, Captain Marvel Jr., Dolphin, Peacemaker,** and **Phantom Stranger** (all last seen in issue #7)

**Blue Devil** (last seen in *Blue Devil* #19; appears next in issue #12)

**Bouncing Boy** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #16)

**Cosmic Boy** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #15; appears next in *Legionnaires Three* #1)

**Cryll** and **Space Ranger** (both last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #137)

**Duo Damsel** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #14)

**Firehawk** (last seen in *The Fury of Firestorm* #42; appears next in issue #12)

**Gypsy** (last seen in *Justice League of America* #246)

**Hawkgirl of Earth-2** (appears next in *Justice Society of America Special* #1)

**Hawkman of Earth-2** and **Northwind** (both appear next in the second story in this issue)

**Hawkwoman** (mistakenly called Hawkgirl in this story) and **Warlord** (both last seen in issue #5; both appear next in issue #12)

**Invisible Kid II** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18; appears next in the second story in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #19)

**Judomaster, Mary Marvel, Ray,** and **Uncle Marvel** (all last seen in issue #7; all appear next in issue #12)

**Katana** (appears next in *Batman and the Outsiders Annual* #2)

**Lieutenant Marvels** (last seen in the Shazam! story in *World's Finest Comics* #267; appear next in issue #12)

**Lightning** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* #36; appears next in issue #12)

**Lightning Lad** and **Saturn Girl** (both last seen in issue #8; both appear next in *Legionnaires Three* #1)

**Madame Xanadu** (last seen in *Blue Devil Annual* #1; appears next in issue #12)

**Magnetic Kid, Polar Boy,** and **Tellus** (all last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18; all appear next in the first story in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #19)

**Mento** (appears next, insane and wearing his current costume, in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14)

**Sensor Girl** and **Timber Wolf** (both last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #17; both appear next in the first story in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #19)

**Spectre** (last seen in issue #8)

**Speedy** (appears next in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #19)

**Superboy of Earth-Prime** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #87)

**Wonder Girl** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #14, page 21)

**Zatara** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #18)

### Supporting Characters

**Dr. Light II** (last seen in issue #7; appears next in issue #12)

**Lady Quark**

### Villains

**Anti-Monitor, Banshee, Black Adam, Brainiac, Dr. Double-X, Dr. Sivana, Dr. Spectro, Houngan, Huntress** (villainess), **Kanjar Ro, Lightning Lord, Lex Luthor, Mammoth, Phobia, Quakemaster, Shimmer, Silver Ghost, T. O. Morrow,** and **Warp**

**Blockbuster** (appears next in *Batman* #400)

**Bolt** (appears next in *The Fury of Firestorm* #45)

**Calendar Man** (last seen in *Batman* #385; appears next in *Batman* #400)

**Captain Cold** (appears next in *Blue Devil Annual* #2)

**Chemo** and **Shaggy Man** (both destroyed in this story; see Comment below)

**Clayface II** (mistakenly colored as Plasmus in this story)

**Deadshot** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #536; appears next in *Batman* #400)

**Deathbolt** (last seen in issue #6)

**Despero** (last seen in *Justice League of America* #178; appears next in *Justice League of America* #247)

**Dr. Cyber** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #321)

**Dr. Destiny** (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #1)

**Dr. Polaris** (last seen in issue #5)

**Dummy of Earth-1** (last seen in the Vigilante story in *World's Finest Comics* #248)

**Electrocutioner** (last seen in *The Vigilante* #25; appears next in issue #12)

**Emerald Empress** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #303; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #21)

**Enforcer** and **Tokamak** (both last seen in *The Fury of Firestorm Annual* #1)

**Faceless Creature** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #78)

**Hector Hammond** (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #157; given the power of mobility in this story; appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #197)

**Icicle, Mirror Master,** and **Psimon** (all die in this story)

**Insect Queen of Earth-2** (last seen in the Mr. and Mrs. Superman story in *Superman Family* #222)

**Krona** (earliest chronological appearance; next chronological appearance in flashback in issue #7)

**Lord of Time** (appears next in *Justice League of America* #245)

**Lord Satanis** (last seen in *Action Comics* #541)

**Maaldor** (last seen in *Tales of the Green Lantern Corps Annual* #1; dies in this story)

**Magno Lad** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #5)

**Molder** (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #76; wears the costume of the second Molder, who was actually a disguised Elongated Man, in this story)

**Multiplex** (last seen in *The Fury of Firestorm Annual* #1; appears next in *The Fury of Firestorm* #43)

**Per Degaton** (appears next, behind the scenes, in *America vs. The Justice Society* #1)

**Persuader** (last chronological appearance in the second story in this issue, which appearance is the same as *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18; appears next in *Legion*

*of Super-Heroes* (third series) #21)

**Sinestro** (apparently does not go into the past with the other villains, instead substituting a power ring-created duplicate of himself, which appears on page 21 of this story; Sinestro himself appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #197)

**Star Sapphire** (appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #199)

**Time Trapper** (last seen in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #282; appears next in *Legionnaires Three* #1)

**Typhoon** (last seen in *The Fury of Firestorm* #9; appears next in flashback in *The Fury of Firestorm* #43)

**Ultra-Humanite** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #55)

**Validus** (appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes Annual* (third series) #2)

### Guest Appearances

**Dale Gunn** (appears next in *Justice League of America* #246)

**Lois Lane Kent of Earth-2** (last seen in *America vs. The Justice Society* #4; appears next in issue #12)

**Jennifer Morgan** (in between *Warlord* #99 and 100)

**Oans** (of 10 billion years ago; last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #40)

**Ronal** (last seen in issue #4; appears next in issue #12)

**Tawky Tawny** (last seen in issue #7)

**Vulko** (last seen in *Justice League of America* #217; appears next in issue #12)

### Comments

This story runs along only the top three-quarters of each story page in this issue.

Given their artificial natures, the destructions of Chemo and Shaggy Man in this story will probably not prove to be permanent.

### Synopsis

As Psimon attacks Luthor, a recreated Brainiac blasts him from behind and kills him. The living computer then replies that his spacecraft is part of his total being, and thus he knew of the enemy's presence when Psimon thought himself hidden. He had transferred his consciousness into his ship's computers before Psimon struck, and then rebuilt a new body in seconds. Relieved, Luthor announces that their plan to pit the heroes and villains against each other is still in effect.

On Earth-1, in prehistoric times, Anthro is astonished to see the red spiral in the sky, but decides not to tell his fellow villagers about it.

On Earth-4, Chemo has turned the New York Harbor waters into seething chemical waste. In retaliation, Negative Woman destroys him. Aqualad heads for Atlantis, carrying Aquagirl. Meanwhile, in New York, Black Adam smashes Dove and Robotman, and Kole paralyzes him by encasing him in crystal. Elsewhere, Celsius and Cyborg team up against other foes.

On Earth-S, a band of villains, including Despero, Dr. Sivana, and Per Degaton, has bound and gagged the entire Marvel Family, including the three lieutenants, in their mortal forms. J'onn J'onzz and Tina of the Metal Men engage the villains in combat, while the Atom of Earth-1 snips the gag off Billy Preston, enabling him to call Captain Marvel into the fray.

On Earth-X, similar battles go on.

Brainiac and Luthor are watching all of this, when they feel a powerful energy flux. At this, every hero and villain on the five worlds witnesses a cosmic manifestation of the Spectre, who halts their battles. He says that the Anti-Monitor is still alive, and has traveled back to the dawn of time to change history so that only anti-matter universes will come into being. While the Anti-Monitor remained in the anti-matter universe, the Spectre couldn't attack, but he could see the crisis coming to completion, and he must now finish the Monitor's work. The heroes and villains of the Earths must now combine their powers; half must go to the dawn of Creation, while the other half travels to Oa, at the time of Krona's great sin. The Spectre demands their decision on the spot. Not even Luthor or Brainiac can refuse the summons; they order the villains' cooperation.

Soon, more than a hundred super-beings congregate in Earth-1's Death Valley. Rip Hunter, the Legion of Super-Heroes, and the Lord of Time have supplied time conveyances. The Earth-2 Superman makes his farewells to Lois, while Alex watches, concealed.

When Superman of Earth-1 protests that history cannot be changed, the Ghostly Guardian tells him that it can be—but only at the very beginning of time. The Earth-Prime Superboy then arrives, having been deposited by a hyper-space vortex.

Gold of the Metal Men offers his body as an electrical conductor to channel power into the machines, as the electrically powered and magnetically powered beings supply the energy. The Lord of Time leads one division to the dawn of time, while the other heads for Oa's past. Above, Brainiac observes the melee, calculating that he has a slim chance for survival—but a better chance than the heroes have for success.

In Atlantis of Earth-1, Aqualad receives the sad news that Aqualgirl is dead. Mera cradles the sobbing youth in her arms.

In hyper-time, Superman hurtles forward, ahead of the rest, carrying Alex so that he can open the way, but when the heroes materialize, they find themselves face-to-face with a giant Anti-Monitor. In an energy field suspended between his hands he holds a captive Pariah, who implores them to leave. He deserves this, he says, since he destroyed his own universe. Scornfully, the Anti-Monitor tells him that he did no such thing; he actually did nothing more

than open the anti-matter portal to the dawn of time. The Anti-Monitor himself was responsible for the destruction of Pariah's universe and all the others. Lady Quark is stunned by this news. Finally, the Anti-Monitor proclaims that he will use Pariah to destroy all existing life and to rebuild the anti-matter universe in his own image.

The heroes attack, but even their great power cannot rival the energy of an entire universe.

Ten billion years ago on Oa, the super-villains of the five Earths attack Krona's city in hopes of finding the scientist before he can complete his experiment. The Oans, seeing them destroying property, easily immobilize most of them. Maaldor, Mirror Master, and Icicle break into the laboratory and attempt to wreck the Creation viewscreen, but a defensive device reacts, killing the three villains before they can harm it. Krona enters the chamber.

At the dawn of time, the Anti-Monitor repels the heroes like gnats. He had needed their own energies and life-forces, for much of his was consumed in reaching Creation. Having taken their powers, he raises his hand in a nimbus of energy. When Krona activates his viewscreen, he will see this hand, and so will open the gate between matter and anti-matter, and the positive-matter multiverse will be destroyed forever.

Suddenly, the Spectre appears and grasps the hand of the Anti-Monitor. He draws energy from the sorcerous heroes such as Dr. Fate, Zatanna, and the Phantom Stranger to grapple with the over-villain, and resists him. Dr. Fate directs his allies to contain their foe, but not kill him, since he holds the life-forces of their friends.

Above them, they see the viewscreen appearing; Krona is looking into the beginning of time. As the Anti-Monitor screams to him to complete his experiment, the Spectre calls for more power. Then the energy of an entire universe pours through him, and everything shatters around him.

## SECOND STORY

"The Monitor Tapes . . ." (25 Pages)

### Credits

Editor, co-plotter, scripter: **Marv Wolfman**
Consulting editor: **Len Wein**
Associate editor: **Robert Greenberger**
Co-plotter, penciler: **George Perez** (artwork reproduced directly from pencils)
Lettering: **Typographical**

### Feature Characters

**Harbinger** (as Lyla)
**Monitor, Alex Luthor,** and **Pariah**

### Guest Stars

**Amethyst** (last seen in issue #5)

**Forever People** (all last seen in *Forever People* #11)

**Hawkman of Earth-2** (last seen in the first story in this issue; appears next in *Justice Society of America Special* #1)

**Immortal Man** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #78; dies in this story)

**Nimbus** (last seen in *Omega Men* #26; appearance here same as in flashback in *Omega Men* #33; appears next in *Omega Men* #33)

**Northwind** (last seen in the first story in this issue; appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #25)

**Starman** (Prince Gavyn; last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #36; dies in this story)

**Tommy Tomorrow** (last chronological appearance in *DC Special* #27)

### Villains

**Chameleon Chief** and **Sun Emperor** (last chronological appearance of both in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #8; appearances here same as *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18; next chronological appearance of both in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #21)

**Cosmic King** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #8; next chronological appearance in issue #9)

**Dr. Regulus** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #15; appearance here same as *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18; next chronological appearance in issue #9)

**Emerald Empress** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #303; next chronological appearance in the first story in this issue)

**Esper Lass** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #5)

**Lightning Lord** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #6; next chronological appearance in issue #9)

**Mano** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #271; next chronological appearance in issue #9)

**Persuader** (last chronological appearance in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #324; appearance here same as *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18; next chronological appearance in the first story in this issue)

**Radiation Roy** and **Silver Scarab** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #5; appearances here same as *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18)

**Tharok** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #271; appearance here same as *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18)

**Titania** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #5; appearance here same as *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18; next chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #21)

**Tyr** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #5; appearance here same as *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #19)

**Validus** (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #294; appearance here same as *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #18; next chronological appearance in issue #9)

**X'Hal** (last seen in *Omega Men* #26; appearance here same as in flashback in *Omega Men* #33; appears next in *Omega Men* #33)

### Other Characters

**The Kallidranes** (first and only appearance to date; an alien race; ships only seen)

**The Mibrannuans** (first appearance; a race of sentient methane gas creatures; all die in this story)

**A Nazi battalion** (first and only appearance to date; not the same battalion seen in issue #3)

**Thanagarians** (last seen in *The Shadow War of Hawkman* #4)

### Cameo Appearances

**Amazons of Paradise Island, Anthro, an unnamed bear warrior of Earth After Disaster, Black Adam, Blue Beetle, Bolt, Captain Marvel, Clayface II, Johnny Cloud, Dream Girl, Ghost** (first appearance in a DC comic; an enemy of Captain Atom; not to be confused with Silver Ghost or Gentleman Ghost), **Gunner, Jemm, Kamandi, Lady Quark, Lex Luthor, Lord of Time, Mirror Master, Nuklon, Olympian gods, Pooch, Power Girl, Sarge, Sgt. Rock, Shadow demons, Star Sapphire, Capt. Storm, Jeb Stuart, Superboy of Earth-Prime, Superman, Superman of Earth-2, Swamp Thing, Uncle Sam, Ultra-Humanite,** and **Wonder Woman**

### Comments

All characters in this story, except Lyla, appear only in flashbacks.

This story runs along only the bottom one-quarter of the first twenty-five story pages in this issue.

### Synopsis

Somewhere in a large city on one of the Earths, Lyla sits at the console brought from the satellite. She has appointed herself to carry on with recording the information regarding super-beings since the Monitor's death.

She records the passing of Mibrannu, a peaceful world populated by methane gas creatures, and the survival of the warlike Kallidranes.

Thanagar, having become a militant world, mistook the crisis for an invasion and has been devastated by rioting.

Takron-Galtos, the prison-planet of the Legion's 30th century, has been destroyed by the Anti-Monitor, and the villains on it were thus freed. After they destroyed a number of worlds, they were enlisted in Brainiac's army.

Elsewhere, Prince Gavyn, the Starman of Earth-1, died to save his people from the anti-matter menace.

In the Vegan system, X'Hal went berserk, and compressed six different dimensional versions of the planet Kuraq into one, trapping Nimbus of the Omega Men between them.

In Tommy Tomorrow's future, the famed Planeteer not only survived, but saved the inhabitants of an entire world from the white curtain of death.

On Adon, the Forever People saved their new home planet from destruction, while Darkseid likewise protected Apokolips.

Amethyst saw the Citadel of Sapphire destroyed, but led the people of Gemworld to safety.

In Olympus, three of the gods were killed and two others gravely wounded in battles with shadow demons.

Immortal Man finally died, consumed by anti-matter after helping the members of a boys' club to safety.

The Swamp Thing was apparently destroyed, but managed to recreate his body in a different location.

Hawkman of Earth-2 was seriously wounded by Dr. Phosphorous, and was taken to Feithera by Northwind.

Lyla reflects on the other deadly battles being waged against the Anti-Monitor in many eras, and affirms that life and sentient beings will survive, while she continues recording the history of the universe.

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #11
**February 1986**

### Cover Description

**Kid Flash, Flash of Earth-2, Superman, Superman of Earth-2, Wonder Woman of Earth-2, Wonder Woman, Fury, Wonder Girl, Queen Hippolyta, Amazons of Paradise Island, Harbinger, Dr. Fate, Dr. Occult, Demon, Amethyst, Zatara, Batman, Peacemaker, Pariah, Lady Quark, Robin of Earth-2, Huntress, Captain Marvel, Robin, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Jade, Power Girl, Uncle Sam, Alex Luthor**

### Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: None

### STORY

"Aftershock" (25 Pages)

### Credits

Editor, co-plotter, scripter: **Marv Wolfman**
Consulting editor: **Len Wein**
Associate editor: **Robert Greenberger**
Co-plotter, penciler: **George Perez**
Inker: **Jerry Ordway**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

### Feature Characters

**Harbinger, Alex Luthor,** and **Pariah**

### Guest Stars

**Adam Strange, Animal Man, Aquaman, Atomic Knight, Batman, Blue Beetle, Captain Comet, Captain Marvel, Changeling, Cyborg, Dolphin, Elongated Man, Fury, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Harlequin of Earth-2, Rip Hunter, Huntress, Jade, Jonni Thunder, Kid Flash, Kole, Peacemaker, Phantom Lady, Phantom Stranger, Power Girl, Robin, Spectre, Star-Spangled Kid, Superboy of Earth-Prime, Superman, Superman of Earth-2, Uncle Sam, Wildcat II, Wonder Girl, Wonder Woman, Wonder Woman of Earth-2, Zatanna,** and **Zatara**

**Amethyst** (appears next in *Amethyst* #13)

**Johnny Blake, Christie Madison,** and **Bulldozer Smith** (members of Cave Carson's team; all last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #41)

**Cave Carson** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #78)

**Challengers of the Unknown** (last seen in issue #8)

**Christopher Chance** (the Human Target; last seen in *Detective Comics* #500)

**Deadman** (last seen in issue #7)

**Demon** (last seen in *Blue Devil Annual* #1)

**Detective Chimp** (Bobo; last seen in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #35; speaks, apparently in translated ape language, to Sam Simeon in this story)

**Johnny Double** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #203)

**Dr. Fate** (appears next in *Amethyst* #13)

**Dr. Occult** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #49; chronologically later appearances have not yet been published; however, this is the present-day Dr. Occult, and not the Dr. Occult of 1942)

**Flash of Earth-2** (appears next, as Jay Garrick, in issue #12)

**Geo-Force** (last seen in issue #9)

**Obsidian** (appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #25)

**Angel O'Day** and **Sam Simeon** (both last seen in *Showcase* #100)

**Robin of Earth-2** (last seen in issue #5)

**Solovar** (last seen in issue #3; name misspelled "Solivar" in this story)

**Jonni Thunder** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #24)

### Supporting Character

**Lady Quark**

### Villains

**Anti-Monitor** and **Brainiac**

**Angle Man** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #323; as a corpse; killed by the shadow demons, behind the scenes, shortly before this story)

**Lex Luthor** (see Comment for issue #12)

**Shadow demons** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #328)

### Guest Appearances

**Harvey Bullock** (last seen in *Detective Comics* #558; appears next in *Batman* #394)

**Joan Garrick** (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #21)

**Queen Hippolyta** and **the Amazons of Paradise Island** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #329)

**Lois Lane** (last seen in issue #9)

**Jimmy Olsen** (last seen in *Superman* #414; see Comment for issue #12)

**Perry White** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #88; see Comment for issue #12)

### Other Characters

**Jerry Thomas** (first physical appearance; first mentioned in *Justice League of America* #16)

**Mr. Bundzai** (first and only appearance to date; the new tenant of Helena Wayne's former apartment; character's name inspired the movie "Buckaroo Banzai")

**Several unnamed bystanders at a detectives' convention, several unnamed Daily Planet staff members, a mob of panicked citizens and two unnamed gorilla doctors and several ape bystanders in Gorilla City** (first and only appearance of all to date)

### Cameo Appearances

**Anthro, Atom of Earth-2, Bat Lash, Black Condor, Blackhawks, Commander Steel, Joe Chill, Doll Man, Rittmeister Hans von Hammer (Enemy Ace), Firebrand II, Gravedigger, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Guardian, Hawkman of Earth-2, Johnny Quick of Earth-2, Liberty Belle, Phantom Lady, Plastic Man, Ray, Robotman of Earth-2, Sgt. Rock, Tarantula, Tomahawk, Uncle Sam, Jon the Viking Prince, Bruce Wayne (as a child), and Thomas and Martha Wayne (all in flashbacks)**

### Synopsis

Creation occurs. One universe is born.

In Metropolis, Kal-L, Superman of Earth-2, wakes in an apartment at 344 Clinton Street. He has dreamed of the end of all Earths. Now he finds the decor of his apartment changed and Lois gone, and so he leaves for work. He enters the editor's office of the *Daily Planet*, where Perry White asks him to leave. Clark Kent enters, and rights the situation. Realizing that he must be on Earth-1, the Earth-2 Superman accompanies his counterpart to the "warp zone" between Earths in New York, so Kal-L can return home, but once there, they find the zone is gone. When they ask a cop what happened to it, he says that nothing was ever there.

They decide to visit the home of Barry Allen in Central City, to use his Cosmic Treadmill. There, they find that Central City and Keystone City (formerly of Earth-2) now exist side-by-side. When they reach the home of Jay and Joan Garrick, she recognizes the Superman of Earth-1, but not the Superman of Earth-2, who had been a fellow Justice Society member of her husband. Jay Garrick recognizes both, and takes them into his lab, where Wally West waits. Jay tells them that the world still knows about the other Flash, Barry Allen, and remembers his trial, but that everyone also maintains that he, the original Flash, has lived on this Earth all his life.

Wally changes to his Kid Flash costume, and Jay assumes his Flash identity. Then, with the two Supermen, they board the Cosmic Treadmill, and reach the correct speed and vibration rate to enter Earth-2's universe. However, they behold an endless sea of blackness where a cosmos had once existed. Feeling lost, without a past or a homeworld, Superman of Earth-2 tries to leap into the void, but his counterpart holds him back, as the Flash and Kid Flash bring them back to the lab.

In the time-stream, Rip Hunter's time sphere, carrying Rip, Dolphin, Captain Comet, Animal Man, Atomic Knight, and Adam Strange, emerges in space near Brainiac's craft. They board it, and find the robotic villain slumped in his command chair. Of these heroes, only Rip remembers the multiple Earths.

At Titans Tower in New York, the Teen Titans host an assembly of heroes who formerly occupied six different Earths. Captain Marvel and Uncle Sam report that they have tried to return to their home worlds, but found them nonexistent. Slowly, they come to grips with the fact that only one Earth now exists, not many.

Suddenly, Harbinger appears. She has regained her powers with the rebirth of the universe, and states that many realities have been changed. When Kal-L asks why he still exists in the new universe, while his Krypton "never even existed," she tells him that he was spared because he "stood before the rebirth."

The Huntress, shaken by her experience, tells of how she found herself without a law practice, an office, an apartment, or even a recorded identity on the new Earth. Robin of Earth-2 says that the only Dick Grayson of whom he could find records was 19 years old, and lived in Manhattan, not in Gotham City. Even the grave of the Earth-2 Batman was missing from the cemetery.

Harbinger explains that a new universe, not a Multiverse, was born from the battle against the Anti-Monitor. There is, and was, only one Earth, one history, even only one World War II, in which Uncle Sam led the Freedom Fighters to victory over the Axis. Krypton exploded and Kal-El came to Earth. Only one Batman came to exist from the murder of his parents. All the heroes are stunned by this revelation, and none more so than the Earth-2 Superman. Not only did his Krypton never exist, but now his wife is also gone forever. He soars off in frustration and anguish, and Kal-El follows him.

Somewhere in a spirit dimension, Deadman and the Phantom Stranger watch over the Spectre, who was rendered immobile after the battle with the Anti-Monitor.

At Las Vegas, a detective convention is interrupted when Angle Man's body is found, along with his Angler weapon.

In Salem, Dr. Fate and the Demon magically observe Amethyst being attacked as a witch by a mob. Dr. Occult stops them, but then shadows appear and attack. Dr. Fate and the Demon join in the battle. However, Amethyst has been blinded, and when Fate looks into her eyes, he finds something incredible, and takes her back to Gemworld.

Above New York City, Kal-El has succeeded in calming the older Superman, reminding him of his own loss with Kara's death. Kal-L weeps, not knowing where he belongs.

Back at Titans Tower, Wonder Girl tells of how Queen Hippolyta reacted when the Earth-2 Wonder Woman and her daughter Fury appeared on Paradise Island. None of the Amazons remembered the Multiverse, even though the "new" Paradise Island had elements from both Earths. Power Girl questions why she is remembered, but her cousin forgotten. Harbinger replies that she does not know yet. Batman appears with the younger Robin and Alex, and tells the assembly of their recent interview with Lex Luthor in prison. Luthor had no knowledge of participating in the crisis, and angrily denied that he would ever help super-heroes. Therefore, says Alex, none of the villains

remember fighting alongside them.

However, danger still besets the Earth, as shadows continue their assault, and the uncanny weather persists. Far below the surface of Peru, Cave Carson's crew reports an awesome flux of energy, and transmits the news to Titans Tower. There, the heroes observe the electrical storms becoming worse, and Pariah feels his pre-teleportation symptoms again—but, with no place to teleport to, he remains in painful stasis. Alex glows with the anti-matter effect, and the Earth is drawn into a titanic space-warp.

On a rooftop in New York, the Supermen realize that the Earth has been drawn into the anti-matter universe. Then, they are confronted by a huge image of the Anti-Monitor, welcoming them to his home, and to their deaths.

## Crisis on Infinite Earths #12
**March 1986**

### Cover Description

**Vigilante II, Wildcat II, Flash of Earth-2, Judomaster, Batman, Changeling, Robin of Earth-2, Elongated, Hawkman, Mary Marvel, Power Girl, Harbinger, Superboy of Earth-Prime, Wonder Woman, Firestorm, Firehawk, Captain Atom, Pariah, Wonder Woman of Earth-2, Black Lightning, Aquaman, Kid Flash, Alex Luthor, Superman, Captain Marvel, Tempest, Dr. Light II, Black Condor, Kole, Superman of Earth-2, Air Wave II, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Ray, Martian Manhunter, Black Orchid, Lady Quark**

### Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

### STORY

"**Final Crisis**" (42 Pages)

### Credits

Editor, co-plotter, scripter: **Marv Wolfman**
Consulting editor: **Len Wein**
Associate editor: **Robert Greenberger**
Co-plotter: **George Perez**
Pencilers: **George Perez** and **Jerry Ordway** (page 14 only)
Inkers: **Jerry Ordway** and **George Perez** (page 8, panels 9–11; page 14 and 42 only)
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Tom Ziuko**

### Feature Characters

**Harbinger** and **Pariah** (both appear next in *DC Comics Presents* #94)

**Alex Luthor** (final appearance to date)

### Guest Stars

**Adam Strange, Animal Man, Atomic Knight, Johnny Blake, Captain Marvel, Cave Carson, Challengers of the Unknown, Dr. Occult, Dolphin, Jay Garrick** (Flash of Earth-2), **Rip Hunter, Christie Madison, Peacemaker, Bulldozer Smith,** and **Uncle Sam**

**Air Wave II, Black Orchid,** and **B'wana Beast** (all last seen in issue #5)

**Aqualad** (appears next in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #19)

**Aquaman** (appears next in *Aquaman* (second series) #1)

**Awkwardman, Dumb Bunny,** and **Merryman** (all last seen in *Oz-Wonderland War* #3)

**Batgirl** (last seen in issue #7)

**Batman** (appears next in *Batman* #392)

**Black Condor, Doll Man,** and **Red Star** (all last seen in issue #9)

**Black Lightning, Halo, Katana,** and **Metamorpho** (all last seen in issue #10; all appear next in *Batman and the Outsiders Annual* #2)

**Blue Beetle** (appears next in *Blue Beetle* #1)

**Blue Devil** (last seen in issue #10; appears next in *Blue Devil* #20)

**Captain Atom** (last seen in issue #10; appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #90)

**Captain Comet** (appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #91)

**Changeling, Cyborg,** and **Wonder Girl** (all appear next in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #18)

**Congo Bill** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #78)

**Deadman, Demon, Phantom Stranger, Spectre,** and **Zatara** (all appear next in *Swamp Thing* #49)

**The "Dial H for Hero" team** (**Christopher King, Vicki Grant,** and **Nick Stevens**; all last seen in the second story in *New Adventures of Superboy* #49)

**Dr. Mist** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #46)

**Dove** and **Green Arrow of Earth-2** (both last seen in issue #10; both die in this story)

**Elongated Man** and **Zatanna** (both appear next in *Justice League of America* #246)

**Firehawk, Human Bomb, Judomaster, Lieutenants Marvel, Lightning, Madame Xanadu, Mary Marvel, Negative Woman, Ray, Tempest, Thunderbolt of Earth-2,** and **Uncle Marvel** (all last seen in issue #10)

**Firestorm** (last seen in issue #10; appears next in *The Fury of Firestorm* #43)

**Flash** (appearance here same as time-trip in issue #8, this time as seen from Kid Flash's point of view)

**Fury, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Harlequin of Earth-2, Jade, Power Girl, Star-Spangled Kid,** and **Wildcat II** (all appear next in *Infinity, Inc.* #25)

**Geo-Force** (appears next in *Batman and the Outsiders Annual* #2)

**Godiva** (last seen in *Super Friends* #46, in a story outside official DC continuity; first appearance in the DC Universe; appears next in *Infinity, Inc. Annual* #2)

**Green Arrow of Earth-2** (last seen in issue #10; dies in this story)

**Green Fury, Jack O'Lantern, Little Mermaid,** and **Rising Sun** (all last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #46; all appear next in *Infinity, Inc. Annual* #2)

**Hawk** (last seen in issue #9; appears next in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #19)

**Hawkman** (last seen in issue #10; appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #95)

**Hawkwoman** (last seen in issue #10; appears next, as Shiera Hall, in *DC Comics Presents* #95)

**Huntress, Kole,** and **Robin of Earth-2** (all die in this story)

**Impala** and **Owlwoman** (both last seen in *Super Friends* #7, in a story outside official DC continuity; first appearance of both in the DC Universe; both appear next in *Infinity, Inc. Annual* #2)

**Johnny Thunder of Earth-2** and **Starman of Earth-2** (both last seen in issue #9; both appear next in *Infinity, Inc.* #25)

**Kamandi** (no further appearances to date as Kamandi; becomes Tommy Tomorrow; next chronological appearance, as Tommy Tomorrow, in *Showcase* #41; a younger Tommy Tomorrow meets a time-traveling Supergirl in *Action Comics* #255, but that story is part of the pre-Crisis history of the DC Universe, and thus irrelevant to this continuity)

**Kid Flash** (assumes the costume and identity of the late Flash of Earth-1 in this story; appears next, as the Flash, in *New Teen Titans* (second series) #19)

**Lori Lemaris** (last seen in issue #9; dies in this story)

**Martian Manhunter** and **Vixen** (both last seen in issue #10; both appear next in *Justice League of America* #246)

**Mera** (last seen in issue #10; appears next in *Aquaman* (second series) #1)

**Prince Ra-Man** (last seen in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #32; dies in this story)

**Roy Raymond** (last seen in the second story in *DC Comics Presents* #32)

**Robin** (appears next in *Detective Comics* #560)

**Sargon the Sorcerer** (last seen in issue #10; appears next in *Swamp Thing* #49)

**Secret Six** (**Mike Tempest, August Durant, Carlo di Rienzi, Lili De Neuve, King Savage,** and **Crimson Dawn**; all except Carlo di Rienzi last seen in *Secret Six* #7; Carlo di Rienzi last seen in *Super Friends* #5, in a story possibly outside official DC continuity)

**Shade the Changing Man** (last seen in *Cancelled Comics Cavalcade* #2 in a story originally scheduled to appear in the never-published *Shade the Changing Man* #9)

**Son of Vulcan** (last seen in *Son of Vulcan* #50)

**Steel** (costume miscolored in this story; in between *Justice League of America* #245 and 246)

**Sunburst** (last seen in *The New Adventures of Superboy* #47; dies in this story)

**Superboy of Earth-Prime** and **Superman of Earth-2** (final appearance of both to date)

**Superman** (appears next in *Superman* #415)

**Thunder** (last seen in *New Teen Titans* #36)

**Thunderlord** (last seen in *Super Friends* #8, in a story outside official DC continuity; first appearance in the DC Universe; appears next in *Infinity, Inc. Annual* #2)

**Vigilante of Earth-1** (Greg Sanders; last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #248)

**Vigilante II** (Alan Welles; in between *The Vigilante* #25 and 26)

**Warlord** (last seen in issue #10; appears next in *Warlord* #100)

**Wonder Woman** (turned back into clay in this story; final appearance to date)

**Wonder Woman of Earth-2** (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #25; final appearance to date)

### Supporting Characters

**Dr. Light II** (last seen in issue #10)

**Lady Quark** (appears next in *DC Comics Presents* #94)

### Villains

**Anti-Monitor** (dies in this story)

**Black Bison** (last seen in *The Fury of Firestorm* #28)

**Blackbriar Thorn** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #66)

**Brainiac** (final appearance to date, except for a possible Imaginary Story in *Superman* #423)

**Bug-Eyed Bandit** (last seen in issue #9; dies in this story)

**Circe** and **Felix Faust** (both last seen in issue #9)

**Clayface II** (last seen in issue #10; dies in this story)

**Darkseid** and **Desaad** (both last seen in issue #8; see Comment for issue #8)

**Electrocutioner** (last seen in issue #10; appears next in *The Vigilante* #26)

**Enchantress** (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #78)

**Psycho-Pirate II** (last seen in issue #8)

**Shadow demons** (all destroyed in this story)

**Ten-Eyed Man** (last seen in *Man-Bat* #2; dies in this story)

**Wizard** (last seen in *America vs. The Justice Society* #3)

### Guest Appearances

**Mal Duncan** (last seen in *Tales of the Teen Titans* #50; miscolored as a Caucasian in this story)

**Judge Irwin Hall** and **Mrs. Hall** (both last seen in *The Hawk and the Dove* #6)

**Queen Hippolyta** and **the Amazons of Paradise Island** (returned to their land of origin as time is reversed in this story; final appearance to date)

**Lois Lane Kent of Earth-2** (last seen in issue #10; final appearance to date)

**Lois Lane** (see Comment below)

**Lana Lang** (last seen in issue #9; see Comment below)

**Lena** (Cave Carson's pet lemur; last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #41)

**Terry Long** (in between *New Teen Titans* (second series) #13 and 18)

**Ronal** (last seen in issue #4)

**Steve Trevor of Earth-2** (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #25; final appearance to date)

**Vulko** (last seen in issue #10; appears next in *Aquaman* (second series) #1)

**Tawny Young** (last seen in issue #9)

**Zeus** (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #329; appears next in *Wonder Woman* (second series) #1)

### Other Characters

**Horatio Tomorrow** (becomes the adoptive father of Kamandi, who is renamed Tommy Tomorrow) and **two unnamed members of the Planeteers** (first and only appearance of all to date)

**Two unnamed doctors at Arkham Asylum** (first and only appearance to date)

### Cameo Appearances

**Hawkman of Earth-2** and **Wildcat of Earth-2** (as photographs in a newspaper)

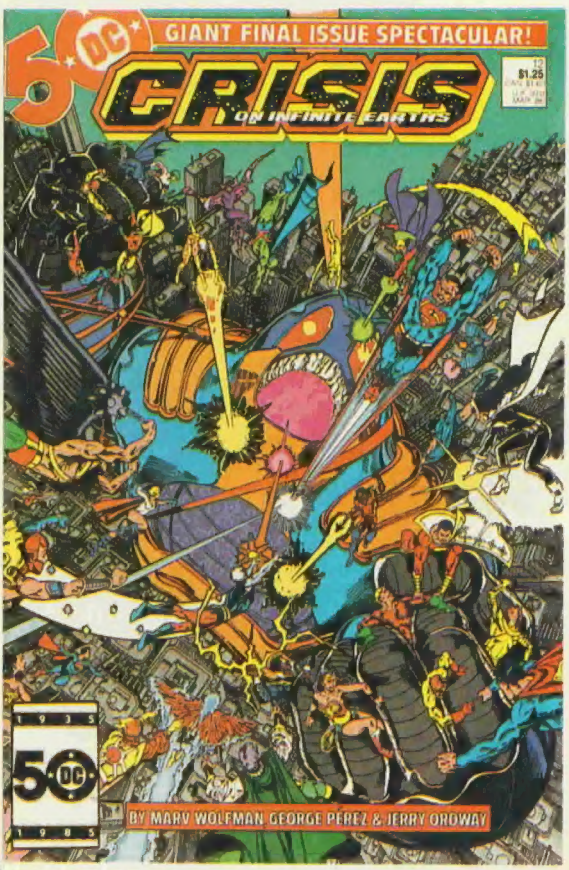
**Jonah Hex** (as a flashforward to events following *Hex* #1)

**Monitor** (as an image)

**Wonder Girl** (not Donna Troy) and **Wonder Tot** (as images of Wonder Woman at earlier ages as she regresses to non-existence)

### Comment

It is not yet possible to determine the continuity of Superman's supporting cast and villains following the Crisis, save that of Superman himself, as many stories published in *Action Comics*, *Superman*, and *DC Comics Presents* after the conclusion of *Crisis on Infinite Earths* are said to have taken place before the Crisis. The continuity of those heroes who appear with Superman in *DC Comics Presents* may also be affected.



## Synopsis

In Brainiac's starship, Dolphin, Captain Comet, Rip Hunter, Animal Man, the Atomic Knight, and Adam Strange convince the reviving robot that his memory was tampered with to make him forget the Crisis. Admitting that his power is inadequate to battle the Anti-Monitor, he sets course for the world of a more powerful being.

On Earth, the Anti-Monitor's visage is seen in the skies all over the globe. He repeats that the Earth is now in the anti-matter universe. His past victories over positive universes are meaningless, he says, because of the super-heroes' efforts to stop him. When he lists Supergirl and the Flash as casualties, Kid Flash demands to know what has happened.

The Supermen scan the globe and watch the populace panicking. Harbinger appears, and teleports them to a chosen destination, then gathers Dr. Light from Japan, leaving Sunburst to defend the island. When Dr. Light states that she caused Supergirl's death, Harbinger replies that the battle had already killed Supergirl, and that the Anti-Monitor's final attack merely gave her a swift death.

In the skies, the darkness splits into a million shadow demons, which begin an all-out attack on humanity, and the super-heroes mass to resist them. The Global Guardians team with other heroes to free their native lands from the threat, but the demons' numbers seem endless.

The Phantom Stranger summons Dr. Mist to help revive the Spectre who lies comatose. Below, Harbinger has gathered a large group of heroes, along with Pariah and Alex, to lead a final assault on their nemesis. Alex creates a bridge between universes, and they depart.

Near Apokolips, Brainiac's ship goes into stationary orbit, and he and his guests teleport to the planet, where Darkseid appears and introduces himself.

Back on Earth, the majority of the heroes are still battling the demons. The Dove is slain by a shadow-being as his brother watches in horror. In Dr. Fate's Salem tower, the magically powered heroes have gathered to pool their sorcerous might. The Earth-2 Green Lantern and Dr. Occult form the nexus of their energy.

On Qward, in the anti-matter universe, Harbinger and the heroes have arrived in the Anti-Monitor's old headquarters. Kid Flash insists on joining them because of his mentor's demise. Suddenly, an image of the Flash appears to him—the last one Barry cast before his death. Wally follows the after-image to where an insane Psycho-Pirate clutches at an empty uniform. Kid Flash knocks him out, and realizes that Barry Allen is truly dead when Lady Quark finds his ring. Pariah informs them that a great concentration of evil lies before them. They follow to find a towering Anti-Monitor, ready for the final slaughter.

In Atlantis, Aquaman leads his underwater legions against the shadows. Loris Lemaris saves a trapped Mera with a force beam. A demon closes in on her and kills her.

In Chicago, Green Arrow of Earth-2 is killed by a shadow. In Philadelphia, Cyborg, the Son of Vulcan, the Vigilante, and the New Wilcat continue rescue operations.

In New Orleans, Shade the Changing Man witnesses the death of Prince Ra-Man.

In Skartaris, Travis Morgan leads his forces against the black menaces.

In Gotham City, both Clayface II and the Bug-Eyed Bandit perish at the hands of the demons.

In Salem, the tide finally turns. The sorcerous crusaders send their combined force in a net of energy to gather the demons from the Earth's surface, and bind them helpless in space. Over the Earth, lives have been lost, including those of Kole, Huntress, and Robin, but other lives have been saved. For a moment, the survivors can take stock.

On Qward, the Supermen of Earth-1 and 2, Captain Atom, Lady Quark, Firehawk, Wonder Woman, and other heroes strike at the Anti-Monitor, but he ignores their blows, feeding on the energy of a nearby star. As Dr. Light absorbs the energy of one of the binary suns they are between, the Anti-Monitor feels his power draining away. Alex begins to drain the anti-matter energy away from their enemy. Negative Woman uses her negative-self to bind the Anti-Monitor and inhibit him; then Harbinger leads all the energy-producing heroes against him. Dr. Light blasts him with the energy of a sun, and he falls into the ruins of his fortress.

Alex creates a dimensional hole, large enough to enclose the Earth and return it to its proper universe. The heroes follow. The ball of bound demons hover and then fall on the fallen enemy. Thus, the Anti-Monitor absorbs his slaves' energies and rises again, while the heroes start to give battle. Wonder Woman is caught in a withering flash of power, and is borne away to an unknown destination.

Superman of Earth-1 and Lady Quark vow deadly revenge, but Kal-L knocks them out, and tells Superboy to take them back. Since he has no world and no wife to return to, the elder Superman has the least to lose. Then he confronts the monstrous Anti-Monitor, and batters him. Superboy sends Superman and Lady Quark back through Alex's shrinking body, and turns to aid him. Superman continues his one-man war against the Anti-Monitor, striking telling blows, while the villain, his power waning, absorbs more energy from the anti-cosmos, and blasts him and Superboy. Darkseid, watching the conflict on a viewscreen, proclaims his planet to be endangered if the Anti-Monitor survives, sends a power burst at him through Alex's eyes. The enemy, devastated is hurled into the core of one of the binary suns.

Superman, Superboy, and Alex are stunned to see the spectre of their enemy rising from the sun. Superman smashes into his foe's fiery body, scattering him; the remains fall back into the sun, and the star begins to implode. They bravely await the end, and Superman wishes that Lois could have lived to see their triumph. At that, Alex produces Lois from a void-pocket in his body, where she had been sent to wait. She tells her husband that she had been to a tranquil world. Alex cannot return them to Earth, but he can take them all to this beautiful world. Superman, Lois, and Superboy opt for that choice. The foursome vanish seconds before the exploding sun would have reached them.

Back on Earth, Lyla is explaining facets of the Crisis to Pariah and Lady Quark. Wonder Woman was returned to the clay which Aphrodite and Athena had given life, then spread across Paradise Island. Time then continued to reverse itself, as the Amazons were returned to their original homeland before they fled Man's World. Zeus brought the homeless Wonder Woman of Earth-2 and her husband Steve Trevor to Olympus, where they could live peacefully.

The bodies of Robin of Earth-2, the Huntress, and Kole were never found. All those who died were mourned.

In Keystone City, Jay Garrick determined that Kid Flash's illness was in remission, his body chemistry being changed by a blast from the Anti-Monitor. He could again move at super-speed, though only to a maximum of Mach-1. Wally donned Barry Allen's uniform, and announced, "From this day forth—the Flash lives again!"

The Great Disaster will not exist in the Earth's future, but a lost child will be found in Command D, adopted by General Horatio Tomorrow of the Planeteers, and named Thomas. Jonah Jex will be torn from his era to fight in the future, while the Guardians of the Universe must face the first division in their ranks in millenia.

Thus, Lyla concludes her tale, and Lady Quark and Pariah ask her to help them explore their new homeworld. They leave with her, honoring the memory of their benefactor, the Monitor.

And, in Arkham Asylum, the staff discuss a new patient who seems beyond help, straitjacketed in a rubber-lined room. Roger Hayden, formerly Psycho-Pirate, gibbers about Earths beyond numbers, the Anti-Monitor, and the memories, which only he had been allowed to keep.

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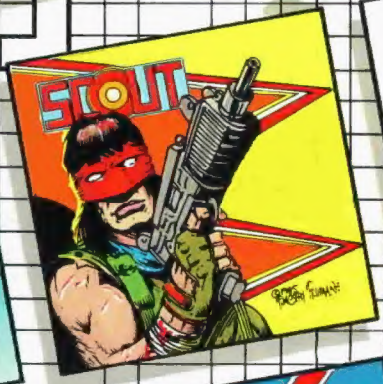


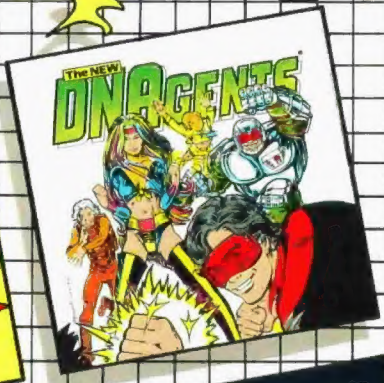

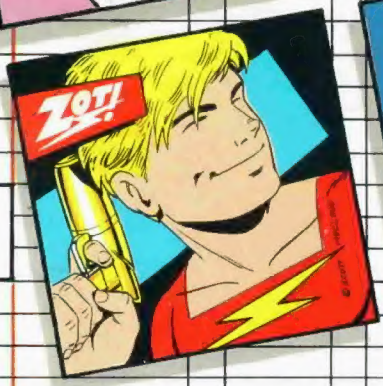


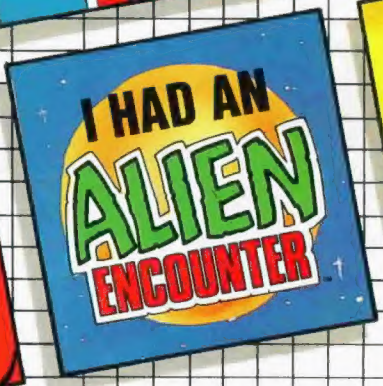

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